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B. I. SILES  
SECURITY MATTER - C

In the recent past B. I. SILES, P. O. Box 2661, Raleigh, N. C., has been mailing copies of the attached material to various locations in N. C. One page of this material is an affidavit furnished by EARL PRUSSION who claims to have served as a counter-spy for the FBI. The Charlotte indices are negative re EARL PRUSSION. An original of this material is being furnished the Bureau and an autostat copy for the San Francisco Field Division.

The 1963 Raleigh, N. C., City Directory and the current Raleigh Telephone Directory fail to list a B. I. SILES. [redacted] U. S. Post Office Inspector's Office, Raleigh, N. C., advised P. O. Box 2661, Raleigh, N. C., is rented to B. I. SILES who is a shoe salesman at Adler's Shoe Store, 113 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, N. C., and whose residence is listed as 425 Morrison St., Raleigh, N. C.

No further inquiry being conducted by Charlotte UACB and copies furnished San Francisco for information concerning one of their possible former informants.

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Box 2061  
Raleigh, N. C.  
October 31, 1963

Gentlemen:

A bulletin on CHURCH AND RACE put out by the Department of Christian Social Relations, Division of Christian Citizenship, of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, has recently come to my attention. The Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley is listed as Executive Secretary of this group. A copy of the bulletin that I have says, among other things,

"Church officers and laymen are encouraged to take part in local direct-action demonstrations....It is absolutely essential that picket lines be integrated. White Christians are unequivocally urged to join Negroes on the picket line. Bishops, other Church officers, and laymen are urged to make this kind of Christian witness at this time...."

The bulletin states further: "The Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, was recently appointed Chairman of the new Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America....Its immediate and continuing aims are: 1. The encouragement of negotiations, demonstration, and direct action in places of particular crisis; 2. The mobilization of resources to encourage legislative and executive acts to bring" total and massive integration. "3. The mobilization of the resources of the Churches in order to put their own house in order by desegregating all of the institutions of the Church...." This would include St. Mary's College, Thompson Orphanage, etc., of course. Among the people serving on the Commission with Bishop Lichtenberger are Dr. Martin Luther King, Eugene Carson Blake, and Ralph McGill. The Rev. Mr. Walmsley, mentioned above, is reported to have been affiliated in one way or another with a number of questionable organizations, one of them being the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which the House Committee on Un-American Activities says in its Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications "...actually operates as a front for the Communist Party." Our Episcopal Church is a member of the National Council of Churches and supports it financially.

Bishop Baker, of the Diocese of North Carolina, has been working with the National Council of Churches. I have seen a statement over his signature to the effect that he has been a member of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches a number of times and that he has been serving under appointment of Bishop Lichtenberger as a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches. Bishop Baker has said that the National Council of Churches "is essential to the total mission of the Christian Church."



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A short while ago I saw a leaflet entitled AN APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF NORTH CAROLINIANS from the NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND RACE. It was unsigned, but it had come in an envelope showing the return address as OFFICE OF THE BISHOP COADJUTOR, 802 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N.C. The Bishop Coadjutor is Bishop Fraser. This leaflet stated that we must begin action that "requires us to seek solutions free from racial or religious bigotry to the problems of educational opportunity, merit employment, public accommodation, housing, recreation, safety of the person, and unrestricted voting." This is an indication that Bishop Fraser is using his office to promote total and massive racial integration. The leaflet states, "Bigotry, hatred, violence, and doctrines of racial superiority have no place in our religious traditions." We would agree with much of this, but the insinuation is that anyone who wishes to preserve the white race and culture is moved to do so by bigotry, hatred, etc.

I have heard that Bishop Fraser was one of four Episcopal bishops to represent the Episcopal Church at a national conference on religion and race held in Chicago several months ago. He came back home to appeal to our consciences. My conscience tells me to try to preserve the white race and white culture for my children and grandchildren, and I don't appreciate him using the Church and the Church's money as means to promote his race philosophy.

A leaflet circulated by the National Council of the Episcopal Church has been called to my attention recently which gave grave warning to Christians who support segregation by either action or inaction, and it called attention to the World Council of Churches' statement which reportedly said that Christians failing to work to end segregation are as guilty of undermining their faith as those actively engaged in supporting segregation; so, apparently, if you are not actively supporting integration, the authorities in the Episcopal Church consider you to be guilty of undermining the faith.

We hear that progress with racial integration is going on at Vade Mecum, Saen, according to the schedule set up, it will be totally integrated. They had one camp integrated last summer that was integrated ahead of schedule. I am told.

I have the distinct feeling that there is not much room in the Church for people who feel as I do. I feel that people who think the way I think are not wanted. I don't know what to do, but something ought to be done. I wonder if there are many people who feel as I do. I know of some who do.

Sincerely yours,

*B. I. Sills*  
B. I. Sills

The Episcopal Church belongs to the National Council of Churches and supports it financially.

NCC's POLITICAL ACTION (an editorial taken from THE NEWS AND COURIER, Charleston, S. C., October 20, 1963)

"The National Council of Churches has opened a new drive on the political front with acceptance of a report charging that foes of compulsory integration of the races are 'both a Gestapo and a Ku Klux Klan' in action to enforce their will."

This report was presented to the NCC headed by the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Pike, executive director of the Commission on Religion and Race, in behalf of Protestant Episcopal Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger, chairman of the commission.

In addition to accusing that a few individuals of totalitarianism, the NCC commission reviewed the past activity. The commission said that besides recruiting members to Washington last Aug. 28, it provided \$50,000 bail bond for more than 900 others in demonstrations this summer. It also reported taking part in demonstrations in several parts of the South.

The NCC commission went still further for increased activity in the racial field. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., a member of the commission, admitted, however, that the summer's demonstrations had produced some resistant opposition in the South and had brought a temporary setback to his movement.

While there is rapidly increasing awareness of the NCC's involvement with political groups such as Martin Luther King's movement, it must come as a shock to many Protestants to find a church organization resorting to reckless and wholly unsubstantiated charges. Churchmen throughout the nation are likely to be indignant at the action of the NCC commission in comparing resistance to integration to the terrors of Nazi Germany.

As a matter of fact, the shoe is on the other foot. The correct analogy between the two historical situations is the demand for compulsory integration, enforced by revolutionary methods. The demonstrators which Martin Luther King has trained, and which the NCC is supporting, remind many citizens of the Brown Shirt gangs that the Nazis used to break up law and order in Germany in the 1930s.

To find the NCC giving financial aid and moral comfort to anti-progressive advocates of a "Negro revolution" is, in the eyes of many concerned churchmen, likely to destroy completely the Council's claim to being a religious organization. The NCC increasingly is revealed as a work for a political faction."



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## Memorandum

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DATE 11-18-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

DATE: December 9, 1963

FROM : SE [REDACTED]

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At approximately 10:32am this date, [REDACTED] Los Altos, California, telephone [REDACTED] called this office and advised that she is the Legislative Chairman of the Los Altos School District Parent-Teacher Association and that the President of the District Association had turned over to her for checking a publication called "Heads Up" published by one, KARL PRUSSION, who identified himself as "a former undercover officer for the FBI."

[REDACTED] explained that this publication had originally been received by the headquarters of the Fourth District California Congress of PTA in Santa Ana, California, which forwarded it to the headquarters of the Sixth District in San Jose, California. The San Jose headquarters sent it to the President of the Los Altos School District PTA because it contained an article regarding persons in that District. The President gave the publication to [REDACTED] for her to determine the validity of MR. PRUSSION's claims.

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At the direction of Supervisor [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was informed as follows:

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KARL PRUSSION has furnished information to this office of the FBI in the past and was paid for his services. He has never been an Agent of the FBI, but only a paid informant. He no longer furnishes information to this office and the FBI cannot make any comment as to the validity of his published charges. KARL PRUSSION's testimony under oath before the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities as to his role in the Communist Party will be found in the proceedings of that Committee for 1960 beginning at page 2031.

[REDACTED] was grateful for this information and stated that she would research the cited proceedings of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities in order to make a report on instant publication to her District PTA.

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## 'Expert' unreliable

ERVENT admirers of assorted committees on un-American activities have for heroes various persons formerly active in the Communist party, who have attained minor sainthood by giving up their earlier attachments and becoming "expert witnesses."

These witnesses are considered by some people to be of more credibility than those who never were stupid or treacherous enough to be Communists. And when they put the finger on a defendant, saying "this man was once one of us," he's pretty well dead.

Prominent among these former Communists in this part of California was one Karl Prussion, who has made quite a career out of his change of heart. He has published a periodical entitled "Heads Up," has been a witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee and a frequent speaker before service clubs on the menace of communism.

But Mr. Prussion—who has lately removed himself from Los Altos to the more salubrious climate of San Diego—has lost just a little shine from his gleaming credentials of "FBI counterespionage within the Communist conspiracy."

Two teachers, Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, were accused of signing false non-Communist oaths. Their teaching credentials were revoked, principally on testimony by Prussion that they were Communists. They have appealed.

In the district court of appeal, the Macks' attorneys attacked Prussion's credibility as a witness. In the reply brief, signed by the California attorney general and by the attorney for the state board of education (whose job it is to defend the credential revocation), it is stipulated by the state, "believing it to be in the public interest, that the witness Karl Prussion is an unreliable witness and that his testimony be eliminated from consideration by the court in deciding this case."

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Case: *Karl Prussion*

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## 'Prussion 'An Unreliable Witness,' Says Gen'l Mosk

The ACLU is representing Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, former teachers accused of signing false oaths, in a case now pending in the District Court of Appeal challenging the revocation of their teaching credentials. The chief witness against the Macks at the hearing on their credential revocation was one Karl Prussion, self-styled "FBI counterspy" within the "communist conspiracy." Prussion's credibility as a witness was strongly attacked in the ACLU's opening brief filed with the court, and now in the reply brief signed by Attorney General Stanley Mosk and Deputy Attorney General Wiley Manuel, the State Board of Education's attorneys. It is stated: "The Attorney General stipulates, by having it to be in the public interest, that the witness, Karl Prussion is an unreliable witness and that his testimony be eliminated from consideration by the court in deciding this case."

Professional Ex-Communist  
Prussion publishes and edits a periodical entitled "Heads Up"

and has been a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Assembly Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments, and is a frequent speaker on the menace of Communism before avowed clubs and similar organizations. He was formerly a resident of Los Altos but has evidently found a more fertile field for his activities in San Diego where he now resides. It is hoped that his repudiation by the government agency which attempted to use him as an expert witness on communism will mark the end to one of the most extremist demagogic careers since the revocation of ex-communicated was discontinued. —M.W.K.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 American Civil Liberties Union News

San Francisco, Calif.

Date: 8-63  
Edition: Monthly  
Author:  
Editor: Ernest Besig  
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Date: 7/15/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)  
RE : KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

REBUTELPHONE CALL TODAY.

MPS. KARL PRUSSION ADVISED HER HUSBAND WILL BE IN  
SAN DIEGO INDEFINITELY, PERHAPS FOR MORE THAN A WEEK. GAVE  
TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHERE HE COULD BE REACHED.

SAN DIEGO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TO CARRY OUT  
BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INTERVIEW OF PRUSSION AND  
TELETYPE BUREAU.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, SF (134-7)

DATE: 7/15/63

FROM : SA HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SF 1740-S

At 2:33 p.m., 7/15/63, JOSEPH A. SIZOO telephonically contacted ASAC PAUL O'CONNELL and gave the following instructions concerning an immediate and urgent interview with the above captioned former informant, who must be contacted at once and this matter resolved. If possible, information should be put in a teletype and if that would be too long, it should be put in a telephone call.

KARL PRUSSIAN was quoted by Alabama Governor WALLACE at hearings last week as saying "MARTIN LUTHER KING belonged to more communist fronts than anyone in the United States."

SIZOO wants PRUSSIAN interviewed vigorously and thoroughly to determine if he made (1) any public statements to this effect at any time or (2) any such statement to anyone else and (3) if at any time under any circumstances he made such a statement, what does he have to support it.

PRUSSIAN should also be questioned concerning the following:

On 11/6/61, a woman from Kalispell, Montana, wrote a letter to the Bureau in which she stated that a paper published by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church at Ridgecrest, Kern County, California, published a paper in which it quoted KARL PRUSSIAN in an article as saying that MARTIN LUTHER KING belonged to more CP fronts than anyone in the United States except W.E.B. Du BOIS.

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*3:50 pm 7/15/63  
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*Wilder TFW*

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PRUSSIAN should be interviewed along the same lines - did he make such a statement, was he quoted correctly and what basis did he have for making such a statement if he did make it.

Further, PRUSSIAN should be interviewed in detail to determine what does he know of any communist activity or associations on the part of MARTIN LUTHER KING. If he has such knowledge, what is the basis for his knowledge.

The latest information available in the office indicates that PRUSSIAN lives at 596 Panchito Way, Los Altos, and has unlisted telephone number WHitecliff 8-2897. He lists himself as being self-employed in connection with Lorelei Homes, a paint store and a blueprint reproducing business.

SA WILDER should handle this immediately and prepare a teletype to the Bureau answering the questions.

ADDENDUM:

SA WILDER advised at 4:15 p.m. that Mrs. PRUSSION stated that PRUSSION would be in San Diego indefinitely perhaps for more than a week and could be reached through the following:

[redacted] San Diego 6, b6  
telephone [redacted] b7C

[redacted]

[redacted] San Diego 6.

At 4:15 p.m. the contents of this memo were telephonically given to SAC WILLIAMS of San Diego and simultaneously dictated to his secretary.

A teletype has been sent to the Bureau saying that this was done.

422 Federal Office Building, Civic Center  
San Francisco 2, California  
March 7, 1963


Mr. Louis D. Wine  
18999 Saratoga Glen Place,  
Saratoga, California

Dear Louis:

Thank you very much for your letter of March  
6, 1963. I want you to know that it is being made a  
matter of record.

Information such as this is always of interest  
to us.

Sincerely,

  
Frank L. Price  
Special Agent in Charge

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① - SF

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18999 Saratoga Glen Place,  
Saratoga, California.

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March 6, 1963.

Mr. Frank Price,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
422 Federal Building, Civic Center,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Frank:-

It is my recollection that one Karl Prussian of Los Altos, California, was a member of the Communist Party and several years ago did some undercover work for the F.B.I., office in San Francisco. Since that time he has apparently been making his living by writing anti-Communist articles and speaking before various groups. I have heard a number of his talks which are somewhat dramatic and not entirely factual. He has a crew working with him, and I have seen them "pass the hat" for contributions to his expenses.

Some months ago I attended one of his talks at the Live Oak School in Saratoga, and he was introduced by Dr. John Cox, a reputable physician in Saratoga, as a "former undercover Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." Mr. Prussian has received a lot of publicity locally, and refers to himself in his articles and press releases as a "Counterspy for the F.B.I."

Some months ago, you may recall, he published a pamphlet for the Republican campaign group, "exposing" the Democratic candidates. The Republicans repudiated this pamphlet which was later used by the Democrats to discredit the opposition. He has been highly critical of our State Department and some of our Governmental operations.

Today, there appears on the pages of the Saratoga News, dated March 6, 1963, an announcement that Prussian is speaking before the American Association of University Women, at Menlo Park, Saratoga, California, on March 18, 1963, on "The Communist Threat from Within." This article refers to him as a "counterspy for the F.B.I." I don't know whether the Bureau would want to set the record straight by writing Sherman Miller, Publisher of the Saratoga News, 3rd and Big Basin Way, Saratoga, California, relative to Karl Prussian's alleged representations. Mr. Miller is a good friend of mine, has written a number of articles very favorable to the Bureau, and I am passing this clipping on the subject of Karl Prussian to you for such attention, if any, that it may warrant.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

*Louis D. Wine*  
Louis D. Wine.

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- nothing new  
- no action nec  
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PRUSSIAN TO SPEAK  
AT AAUW MEETING

Karl Prussian, of Los Altos, will speak on "The Communist Threat from Within" at the general meeting of the local branch of the American Association of University Women March 18, 1 p.m., at Montalvo.

Mr. Prussian is a former Communist and counter-spy for the FBI.

Saratoga News, 3/6/63,  
Saratoga, California

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Re report SA RICHARD H. NELSON dated 1/3/63 at San Francisco.

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CARL PRUSSION's testimony before HCUA was reviewed and it is noted he testified substantially as reported mentioning [redacted] four times, the testimony being recorded on pages 1923, 2043, 2047 and 2048 in the EPO printed testimony. On pages 2043 and 2047, he qualified his testimony with the statement, "I believe". Informant reports were reviewed and it is noted that PRUSSION made no mention of [redacted] employment nor did he indicate he resigned from the CP "so he could continue his work and retain contact on the upper level" in his written reports. The only mention in his reports of [redacted] resignation is contained in his written report dated 12/28/56 filed in San Francisco file 134-7A-79A (24). The pertinent portion of that report is as follows. This was an account of a meeting of his CP club:

[redacted] chairman of the meeting, announced that the [redacted] had resigned from the Party "because the Party no longer served the immediate needs of the American working class. They are for dissolution of the Party". This was discussed with PRUSSION 12/18/62 and he advised as follows:

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[redacted] resignation followed the National Convention of the CP at which so many members of the CP dropped out because of the STERLIN disclosures and the National Convention decisions with which they disagreed. He did not know [redacted] exact employment but knew him to be a scientist and thought he worked in the electronics industry which is the predominant industry of the San Francisco Peninsula. He knew that [redacted] and his wife were Marxist - Leninists with long Party histories. He believed that their dropping out of the Party did not suggest that they were no longer Marxist - Leninists. He considered that their convictions and their Party histories indicated they would attempt to further the cause of

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of Marxism - Leninism and he so testified for the HCUA. He conceded that he was wrong in believing that [ ] was an electronics engineer but believes his conclusions otherwise were justified. He had no information that [ ] had continued to work for the CP or had worked on a different level.

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It appears that PRUSSON's report written at the time of [ ] resignation sets out the best evidence of [ ] reasons for leaving the CP.

No activity has been reported since, and it is noted [ ] lives and works in an area in which good coverage is available on the CP. It therefore appears that [ ] should be removed from the Security Index and placed on Reserve Index B where he will continue to receive investigative attention.

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## Prussion 'Banned' At Awalt

Karl Prussion, former Communist and self-styled informer for the FBI, claims Awalt High School officials "banned" him from addressing a campus club.

Prussion, scheduled to address the December Foreign Affairs Club here, said he would still deliver his talk on the "Threat From Within" this afternoon in the home of the club president.

Awalt High principal Gordon Avelit said Prussion's appearance was cancelled because it was not cleared with school officials.

He said the school district also maintains a policy of having both sides represented when a controversial speaker appears on campus.

Prussion said this was just a "hoax." He claims he has been the only speaker at two programs given at Los Altos High School.

But he added, philosophically, "I'll probably have three or four more arguments with the school," he said, as time goes by. "I'm banned, I'm banned, I'm banned."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

6 Sunnyvale Daily  
Standard  
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Date: 12-6-62  
Edition: Eve.  
Author:  
Editor: Jos. C. Houghteling  
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## FBI's Red Informer Prussion Barred

Bar Prussion, controversial speaker at Avett High School in Mountain View, has been barred by the principal from a scheduled appearance at

Avett Principal Gordon Allen said Prussion's talk before a student Foreign Affairs Club would not be allowed because of a district policy regarding the handling of controversial speakers.

The ex-FBI man, however, said he had spoken twice at Los Altos High School in the same district.

Prussion appeared in the Sequoia Union High School District last year when he spoke before the Junior Statesmen of America at San Carlos High School.

"There was no reaction whatsoever," afterward, said Principal Philip S. Machin. "But there was a quarrel between him and a teacher during his appearance."

Prussion also has made numerous non-school appearances in San Mateo County, including a well-publicized speech last year at the Veterans Memorial Building in Redwood City.

Although he won't be allowed on the Avett campus, Prussion announced that he will still speak on anti-communism in the home of the club's president.

Allen said district policy leaves it up to the principal to decide whether a speaker is controversial.

He said the policy allows controversial speakers on the campus only if the subject is confined to the students' learning process and in the opposite point of view is presented at the same session.

In this case, Allen said, Prussion is the only speaker and therefore is presenting only one point of view. He said his decision does not prevent Prussion from speaking on other occasions at the school when his appearance fits the policy framework.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

15 Redwood City Tribune

Redwood City, Calif.

Date: 12-7-62  
 Edition: Eve.  
 Author:  
 Editor: David N. Schutz  
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**'Too Controversial'****Los Altos Bars  
FBI Spy's Talk**

Karl Prussion, the former Communist who became an FBI informant, has been refused permission to speak at a Los Altos high school, it was disclosed yesterday.

Prussion was to have addressed the Los Altos Club of Adults, which is to hold a meeting on the subject of "The Threat of Communism."

On October 19, however, he was informed that the invitation was withdrawn, standing was not withdrawn, however, the school board had decided to refuse him.

The student council decided to refuse him, because they would have to "protect" him, and as the school has a speech of approval, it was refused after school hours.

**DIFFERENT LEADS**

"I called Damon Arlett and reminded him that other speakers, both conservative and liberal, had appeared on the Adult campus in the past," Prussion said, "but not him if the school was not the market place for ideas."

"He said yes, but not in your case."

Doctor Arlett, in agreement with Prussion on this point, was said.

"I contended that a campus is the market place for ideas at the college level but not necessarily at the high school level, considering the age of the students," he said.

Doctor Arlett said he regarded Prussion as a controversial figure who had been scheduled as a speaker without proper authorization.

During the recent political campaign, Prussion was the source of a pamphlet charge



**KARL PRUSSON**  
students and deny him  
a private home.

ing a young Democrat with being soft on Communism. The pamphlet was carried from the hands of a student.

The principal insisted Prussion's booklet had no bearing on his decision that Prussion was a controversial figure.

"I felt that the subject was such that both sides of the question should be represented. I don't feel that students of high school age should be subjected to just one side of any question or issue."

"Perhaps at some future date Mr. Prussion will appear here."

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4 S.F. Examiner

San Francisco, Calif.

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Author:  
Editor: Edmund J. Dooley  
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## School Bars Prussion

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Karl Prussion, under-  
cover FBI informant for 12  
years, will not be permitted  
to make his scheduled  
speech today to a student  
club at Awall High School,  
Los Altos, principal Gordon  
Arlett said yesterday.

It is simply school policy  
to hear both sides of a con-  
troversy — or neither, said  
the principal explained.

Prussion was the author of  
a pink-covered booklet that  
was singled out on Monday  
as a prime example of unfair  
political tactics by Bruce L.  
Fellner, executive director  
of the Fair Campaign Prac-  
tices Committee Inc.

Fellner expressed particu-  
lar irritation at distorted  
photographs in the booklet,  
which made Governor Ed-  
mund G. Brown appear to  
bow obsequiously toward  
Soviet Premier Khrushchev.  
The booklet was sold before  
the November gubernatorial  
election.

### INVITATION

Some of our students had  
extended this invitation to  
Mr. Prussion without any au-  
thorization," Arlett said.  
"And because he is a con-  
troversial figure, we had to  
call it off."

Understand, he has not  
been denied permission ever  
to speak in our school. But  
before we deal with any con-  
troversy, we must have a  
plan to present more than  
one side. We must have ar-  
rangements in advance to  
hear both sides.

The canceled speech was  
to have been given at 2 p.m.  
today to the student World  
Affairs Club, a school-spon-  
sored organization.

Prussion, complaining that  
the speech was banned "at  
the 11th hour," said club  
members would meet to hear  
him after school today at  
the home of a student, Caron  
Miller.

His topic, he said, will be  
"The Communist Threat  
From Within," a subject he  
has explored in numerous  
appearances as a witness be-  
fore the House Committee on  
Un-American Activities.

Principal Arlett said the  
school would have no objec-  
tion if students chose to  
meet as individuals off cam-  
pus. But the World Affairs  
Club cannot meet off cam-  
pus as a club," he noted.

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4 S.F. Chronicle

San Francisco, Calif.

Date: 12-6-62  
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Editor: Chas. deYoung  
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## The most and the dirtiest

CALIFORNIA abounds in people, of whom it is collecting more every day. While some of us have reservations about our record-breaking population, it is hard to see how anyone can be proud of another distinction awarded California this week.

Our state's political campaigns are the dirtiest in the nation, according to the nonpartisan Fair Campaign Practices Committee.

The 1962 race for governor was a filthy one, the committee concluded—and although the dirt was not all thrown by one side, the three campaign documents cited were attacks on Gov. Brown, not put out by responsible Republican organizations but by fanatical hangers-on who were a sincere embarrassment to the G.O.P.

Worst of them all, the committee says, was a booklet entitled California Dynasty of Communism. We'll agree that it was dirty; indeed, we have saved a copy sent to us by a reader who thought it was just great.

Brown is a Red apeserfer, proclaims the booklet. Beneath that caption appears a statement which the governor never made: Premier Khrushchev, we who admire you, we who respect you, welcome you to California. Alongside is a picture of the governor bowing, his hands clasped—apparently in obeisance to Khrushchev, whose photograph appears opposite.

Actually, the Brown picture was cropped from a news photo in which he was greeting an Oriental visitor in Oriental style.

It's easy to explain away some of this dirty stuff by saying that, along with all the more rational migrants to California, we're attracting more than our share of screwballs. That's partly true; unfortunately, however, a lot of longtime Californians are among the most irresponsible. Author of the smear pamphlet mentioned above, for instance, is one Karl Prussian, who was a Carmel taxi driver some years ago. He is now a professional "exposer of Communists," and advertises himself as "former FBI counterspy within the Communist conspiracy." He neglects to make it plain that he was a member of the Communist party, and only later decided to work as an FBI informer.

Whatever the source, it's plain that we have problems with our increasing population. While we may not be able to get out of the distinction of being the most populous of the 50 states, it would be mighty nice if we could shake the title of dirtiest campaign state.

## 18 Editorial page WATSONVILLE Register-Pajaronian



Pulitzer prize gold medal for public service, awarded The Register-Pajaronian, 1965, by the trustees of Columbia University.

Frank F. Orr, editor, Jack M. Banks, business manager  
Watsonville, Calif. Thursday, December 6, 1962

WATSONVILLE REGISTER-  
PAJARONIAN  
Watsonville, California  
Date: Thursday, December 6, 1962  
Edition:  
Editor and Publisher:  
LARRY McKEOWN AND  
FRANK ORR  
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## THE EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

## Ban on School Speaker

To The Examiner:

An eye-opening contrast appeared in The Examiner, Dec. 6. Gordon Ariett, principal of Awalt High School of Los Altos, refused Karl Prussion, former Communist turned FBI informant, permission to speak at his school, stating, "I don't feel the students of high school age should be subjected to just one side of any question or issue."

On the other hand, the Berkeley Chapter of the American Association of University Professors has asked UC to allow Communist speakers on the campus, saying, "We don't love Communists. This request is just a statement of educational policy," and further deploring the UC ban on Communist speakers because "it restricts the educational function of the faculty."

Principal Ariett treats his students as a group of stary-eyed nitwits unable to cope with the hard facts of the outside world, even by once-removed contrast. How are they ever going to learn?

Like the UC professors, I dislike Communism, but nevertheless think the professors are correct in their policy, which incorporates at least a modicum of respect for their students' intelligence.

HARRY A. HOBBS,  
Knightsen.

Karl Prussion has been denied the right to speak at Awalt High School in Los Altos.

Mr. Prussion, who has long been an advocate of the denial of free speech to "Communists, their fellow travelers, sympathizers, and dupes," has busily attacked many Americans, calling loyal citizens supporters of the Communists. The subject of the planned speech, "The Threat From Within," would probably be another tirade of unjust abuse as he has delivered in the past.

However, despite personal feeling about Prussion and his teachings, I feel that there is absolutely no justification in the refusal on the part of school authorities to allow him to speak. . . . Everyone has the right to free speech.

ROBERT EMERSON

San Francisco

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

28 S.F. Examiner

San Francisco, Calif.

Date: 12-11-62

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: Edmund J. Dooley

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TO : FILE

DATE: 11/5/62

FROM : SAC PRICE

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

CECIL POOLE, U. S. Attorney, San Francisco, called me this morning and said he had a pamphlet written by PRUSSION which he wanted me to see and then discuss with him. POOLE said that I would recall his previously expressing concern over PRUSSION's possible violation of the Impersonation Statute.

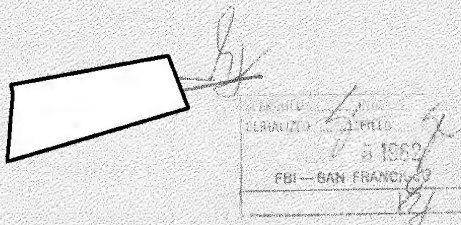
POOLE said that he did not want to consider this matter further before Wednesday, 11/7/62.

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Supervisor [REDACTED] should look the pamphlet over and see me on Wednesday, at which time I will want to call Mr. POOLE again.

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**PAGE OF OPINIONS***Ours . . . yours . . . and others*

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PALO ALTO TIMES, MONDAY, NOV. 5, 1962

**EDITORIALS****Reviewers flay Prussion booklet**

Some of ex-Communist Karl Prussion's writing at last has been branded effectively for what it is.

His booklet titled "Communist Dynasty in California" has been condemned as "highly unethical" by the State Fair Campaign Practices Committee, composed of four distinguished members of each major political party. The committee reported:

"It is an unwarranted and vicious attack on Gov. Brown and the committee deems it to be extremely offensive. We must at the same time point out that the Republican State Central Committee already has stated it has no connection with this pamphlet and characterized it as scurrilous and trash. Mr. Nixon has stated he considers the pamphlet disgraceful."

Prussion has gained an audience mainly because he is a reformed Communist who has acted as an informer for the FBI and who has been a frequent witness before legislative committees on un-American activities. Since he moved to Los Altos he has made many accusations, in talks and in pamphlets, about the alleged Commu-

nist activities of a large number of people.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warns citizens in his new book, "A Study of Communism," against conducting private investigations and circulating rumors about subversive activities. "Vigilante action weakens our free society," he observes. "It is just as important to protect the innocent as to identify our enemies."

Hoover then adds:

"Reckless charges against individuals and false statements about the nature of communism and the extent of its penetration into various areas of our life serve the cause of communism by creating disunity among Americans."

"Too often, the label 'Communist' is used indiscriminately against those whose views are unpopular or merely differ from those of the majority. Too often, every adverse development is attributed to communism."

"Misidentification of communism can lead only to disunity and irrational fear. Moreover, it divides us as a nation at the very time we need unity and strength to face the actual and very real threat of communism."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Pg. 22Palo Alto TimesPalo Alto, Calif.Date: 11-5-62Edition: Evening

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Editor: Harry L. Millet

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## A Mixup --And Regrets

An unfortunate mixup in photographs in some editions of the News Call Bulletin Tuesday may have implied that Nixon and Republican state leaders here were distributing a booklet containing cropped photos erroneously branding Governor Brown as a traitor and seceder.

As a matter of fact, Brown and Mr. Nixon had repudiated this pamphlet and called it "disgraceful" immediately upon learning of it. Senate state Republican Chairman Caspar W. Weinberger and other GOP officials.

The booklet was written by Karl Prussion, a right-wing spokesman who has no connection with the Nixon or Republican organizations.

**THE INTENDED** illustration and printed caption was of a postcard involved in a suit here.

The published illustration was of a photo of a page from Prussion's booklet on a poster prepared by Northern Democratic Chairman Roger Kent. Lettering on the poster said "Nixon-GOP state headquarters distributes" the booklet.

A news story accompanying the illustration, however, called attention to the repudiation by Nixon and GOP leaders and added that Kent "conceded he had no direct evidence to link it to them."

The News Call Bulletin regrets the error and any possible implication that Mr. Nixon or Republican Party officials had any connection with the Prussion booklet.

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News Call Bulletin

San Francisco, Calif.

Date: 10-24-62

Edition: Home

Author:

Editor: Thomas Eastham

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 10/26/62

FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SF 1740-S

PRUSSIAN, while being contacted on other matters 9/25/62, advised that in view of the purported misunderstandings as to his former status with the Bureau, he is taking great pains in all public appearances to make clear that he is a former informant of the FBI. He said he is changing the masthead of his monthly publication "Heads Up" to delete the words former undercover agent and to describe himself as a former counterspy for the FBI in the CP.

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# **FBI Counterspy To Give Talk**

The Californians' Committee to Combat Communism is sponsoring a talk by Karl Prussion, a former F.B.I. counterspy, at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1335 Portland Ave., Albany.

Prussion, for 12 years a counterspy in the Communist organization, and for 25 years a member of the Communist Party in America, will speak on the danger of the perfect threat and Proposition 24, the Francis Amendment.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

*Berkeley Daily  
Gazette  
Berkeley, Calif  
p17, Col 2.*

Date: *10/16/62*  
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TO : SAC (134-7)

DATE: 9/26/62

FROM : ASAC GEBHARDT

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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This will record that at 9:00 AM, 9/25/62, [REDACTED] "Sunnyvale News," called to advise that he had just received a story from the Mountain View Federated Women's Club in Mountain View, California. This story reflects that KARL PRUSSIAN delivered a talk to their club recently and described himself as a "former FBI undercover agent from 1947 to 1959."

[REDACTED] said he was reporting this information to the FBI for whatever we desired to do with it. I thanked him for this information.

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SA R. H. NELSON

CP SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
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[REDACTED]	8/8/62	8/10/62	NELSON	[REDACTED]
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BE CERTAIN IDENTITY OF INFORMANT IS PROTECTED.

The above documentation refers to a report of [REDACTED]  
concerning Palo Alto CP Club meeting at [REDACTED] Menlo  
Park, California. Informant report is set out verbatim below:

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"Palo Alto Branch Communist Party  
Meeting

8/8/62

"On Wed 8/8/62

"The Palo Alto Branch of the Communist Party met  
at the home of MICHAEL and MARY SHAPOVALOV. Those  
attending were [REDACTED] MARY WILSON, the SHAPOVALOVS,  
ELIZABETH NICKOLAS, WALTER HARVU and FRANK SCHNEIDER.

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1 - 100-3730 (CP SANTA CLARA COUNTY)

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - 100-24948 (MIKE SHAPOVALOV)

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1 - 100-34164 (MARY SHAPOVALOV)

1 - 100-33524 (MARY WILSON)

1 - 100-1418 (LIZ NICHOLAS)

1 - 100-16351 (WALTER HARVU)

1 - 100-24017 [REDACTED]

3 - 100-11889 (CP N. CALIF)

1 - 100-27438 (ISOBEL CERNEY)

1 - 134-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)

1 - 100-31466 (ED BECKS)

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"ELIZABETH NICKOLAS reported that the Northern Calif. district of the Party is to raise \$2500.00 for the Hall, Davis defense fund. Santa Clara County is to raise \$200.00 or more. Palo Alto pledged \$100.00. WALTER HARJU said he would raise \$25.00 FRANK SCHNEIDER \$25.00, the SHAPOVLOVS \$20.00.

"ELIZABETH NICKOLAS said we would wait to discuss the coming elections until the next meeting. She then brought up the Francis bill #24. She said San Jose plans to have a conference next month against the bill. An open one I believe. She then said that the Francis bill is considered so dangerous that the district is having a full time (which means paid) organizer and that Nat. Committee is sending a full time organizer also.

"Then the club started to discuss the Peace meeting of Saturday when led to the USSR resuming testing. They all agreed that was necessary except MARY WILSON and [REDACTED] MICHAEL SHAPOVOLOV said that it was all right to discuss it but Party members must realize that when the Communist Party took a definite stand then all Party members must go along with the decision.

"They MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV said that he had something to discuss with the group. He said ISOBEL CERNEY had brought him a copy of one of KARL PRUSSION's paper and a copy of a letter ISOBEL CERNEY sent to some man belonging to the Quaker Church which she had been allowed to join in Georgia. I think the way she received it was that this man sent it to [REDACTED] and she sent the paper to ISOBEL (can you follow??) So first MARY WILSON read KARL's paper then she read a copy of the letter ISOBEL sent to the man in Georgia. Well I never heard such a thing in my life-- all full of the love of Jesus Christ and then the stupid idiot said that she knew the SHAPOVALOVs- that they were saints and that MICHAEL had studied under Lenin!! Then she mentioned ED BECKS what fine work he was doing with the young negro students etc. etc. Well some one suggested she should get a job with KARL PRUSSION. The outcome is that MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV and MARY WILSON are to see her in a few days and tell her that she is no longer a member of the Communist Party. She did send \$25.00 for dues. I do not know if it is to be

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returned to her or not.

"The next meeting is to be two weeks from to nite -  
the 22nd.

/s/

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The above report was thoroughly discussed with  
informant who had nothing to add.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: No investigation.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 10-1-62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SF 1740-S

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On 9-18-62 [REDACTED] made available a transcription of the Tom Duggan TV show of the interview of KARL PRUSSIAN of 9-10-62 on Channel 11 KTTV in Los Angeles.

An additional copy of this transcription was made available by [REDACTED] on 9-28-62 to SA ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS and is enclosed herewith for your information.

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- 1 - Los Angeles

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TO : SAC, SF (134-7)

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FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1740-S

Reference is made to serial 514 which has to do with USA CECIL F. POOLE furnishing SAC PRICE with two letters sent to him by the Assistant Attorney General.

I contacted USA POOLE telephonically on 8/27/62 and told him that Mr. PRICE had reviewed the material and that I had reviewed the material that he furnished. Also, that Photostats of the material were made and furnished to the Bureau for their information in the event any inquiries on this matter were received by the Bureau.

I reminded USA POOLE that PRUSSION was a former informant and that this office no longer had any contact with him. Also, at the time he was discontinued, and on the few periodic contacts we have had with him since that time, he has always been reminded to clearly state what his position is when making any public appearances - that he was not a Special Agent for the FBI but was an informant.

USA POOLE stated that he believed that he was going to get further material on this matter, that someone had mentioned having a tape recording, and that if and when he received it, and if it were pertinent, he would forward it to this office.

He thanked me for contacting him.

The material that he furnished has been returned to him.

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TO : SAC (134-7)

FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1740-S

DATE: 6/12/62

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Reurmemo 6/5/62.

As you state, PRUSSION has been instructed never to represent himself as an FBI employee. Review of the file in this case since he publicly disclosed himself as a former paid FBI informant, during the HCUA Hearings at San Francisco, 6/17-19/59, confirmed that he has not so represented himself. It should be noted that all the publicity re the HCUA hearing made it clear that he was a former FBI informant. Subsequent news releases, as contained in the file, almost without exception, describe him as "informant, "counterspy," and a few call him a former undercover agent. You will note the following publicity in leading newspapers of the area quoting him or the person who introduces him as a speaker identify him clearly as a former informant:

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Publication</u>
350	Oakland Tribune reporter, contacting San Francisco Office, said PRUSSION identified himself as "former informant for FBI."
352	San Francisco Examiner, 8/13/59, identified him as "Informant."
353	San Francisco Chronicle, 8/13/59 - "informant."
354	Pittsburg Post Dispatch, 8/14/59 - "paid FBI informant."
355	San Francisco Examiner, 8/22/59 - "informant."
358	San Francisco Chronicle, 8/28/59 - "former FBI informant."
367	San Francisco Chronicle, 9/27/59 - "former FBI informant."

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<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Publication or Other Source</u>
369	San Francisco Chronicle, 9/24/59 - "former FBI informant."
371	Palo Alto Times, 9/29/59 - "The Mr. X who informed the FBI of local Communist activity."
378	The People's World, 10/10/59 - "informer."
379	Palo Alto Times, 9/25/59 - "ex-Communist informer."
386	Daily Californian, 11/19/59, contained headline characterizing informant as "ex-FBI informant."
387	ROBERT WELCH of the Birch Society, in a letter said PRUSSION had claimed to him to have been "an informant for the FBI for 12 years."
391	In a letter to former President HERBERT HOOVER, PRUSSION identified himself as "an informant for the FBI for 12 years."
396	Identified himself to G. A. CASADAY, Palo Alto Congregational Church, as "former FBI informant."
404	Palo Alto Times, 5/20/60, carried a headline describing him as a "former FBI informer."
405	San Jose Post-Record, 5/17/60, carried an article describing him as "ex-FBI informer."
406	San Jose Mercury, 4/17/60 - carried a headline describing him as "ex-FBI informer."
408	San Francisco Chronicle, 6/19/60 - "informer."
409	San Francisco Examiner, 6/9/60 - "informer."
412	San Francisco Chronicle, 8/3/60 - "informer."
415	San Francisco Chronicle, 8/3/60 - "FBI informer."
416	San Jose Mercury, 6/20/60 - "FBI undercover informer for 12 years."

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Publication or Other Source</u>
417	Palo Alto Times, 8/19/60 - "former FBI informant," however, a caption under a photo in the same paper on the same date lists him as "ex-FBI Agent." This is an obvious error on the part of the newspaper, since PRUSSION, as quoted in the news article, correctly identified himself, while the photo caption was in error, a matter over which he had no control.
431	Salinas Californian, 10/31/60 - "former....informer for FBI."
432	A communication quoting him as saying he was a former "spy for the FBI."
437	The Stanford Daily, 1/12/61 - "FBI counterspy."
439	News Call-Bulletin, 1/25/61 - "FBI counterspy."
443	Redwood City Tribune, 3/23/61 - "FBI counterspy."
455	A communication from LOUIS BERGNA, D.A., Santa Clara County, which sets forth that PRUSSION claimed to him to have been an FBI informant.
461	Palo Alto Times, 10/18/61 - "former FBI informer."
467	Napa Register, 11/30/61 - quoted him as saying he "spied on the party for the FBI."
471	Los Angeles Mirror, 12/12/61 - "FBI counterspy."
474	San Jose News, 12/14/61 - "former FBI counterspy."
479	San Francisco Chronicle, 1/16/62 - "former FBI counterspy." (Note: Same newspaper, in another article, on another page, described him as one "who spied on the Communist Party for the FBI.")
492	Napa Register, 1/26/62 - "former counterspy for FBI."
499	Salinas Californian, 3/15/62 - "Ret. FBI counterspy."
501	Watsonville Register - Pajaronian, 4/3/62 - "counter-agent for FBI in Communist Party."

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Marin News, 4/7/62 - "ex counterspy for FBI."

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Independent Journal of San Rafael, 4/13/62, carried  
a headline describing PRUSSION as "ex-Red counterspy."

*40 articles -- 2 of them use the word agent  
all of the others say informant*



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TO : FILE

DATE: 6/5/62

FROM : SAC PRICE

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN

I constantly receive reports from different people to the effect that KARL PRUSSIAN, former FBI security informant, is representing himself as an FBI Agent. In the past, efforts have been made to pin down the specific representation but it always appears that PRUSSIAN has been strongly admonished not to say he is a "former employee" or a "former FBI Agent."

On 5/31/62 I received a call from ARTHUR ALARCON, Pardon Attorney for Governor BROWN and a personal acquaintance of mine. He asked me generally if it was a violation of law for someone to represent themselves as an "undercover Agent for the FBI." I told ALARCON of the elements of the Federal Impersonation statute and explained that many former FBI informants had been misunderstood when they had written books or made speeches and people improperly concluded that they were former FBI Agents although the informants had never said so and had never been employees of the FBI. I told ALARCON that it is a technical question as to whether representing someone as an undercover agent for the FBI would be a violation, and ALARCON said he understood this and mentioned that the person he had in mind was KARL PRUSSIAN and that he would probably submit something "through channels."

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*Rich will write  
memo on statement  
in press + answer*

*This source  
was given by Harter  
& his informant with  
all aspects  
Harter will see you on this*

*Harter &  
Clifford  
J.D. Smith  
& Harter*

*Mark may be  
pushing this.*

*Frank  
will see to it  
on his return*

*OK me  
me*

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(G) SILENT GUARDIANS, INCORPORATED -- Captioned organization has been formed in Los Angeles by a group of former security informants "to offer aid and assistance based upon their vast knowledge and experience in communist activities to those people who are deeply concerned with the freedom and security of our country." According to a press release of April 23, 1962, the officers are [redacted] and Karl Prussion, all of whom have spent considerable time in undercover work. They are all former Bureau informants. [redacted] is Executive Director and he is quoted in the press release as indicating the members as individuals or a group would be available on a consultation basis to religious groups, labor and union organizations, industrial leaders, educational, political and law enforcement agencies. [redacted] has never been a Bureau informant and he has been affiliated with other anticommunist groups such as Democrats United for America, Inc., and Citizens United for America.

All offices should be alert to the background and objectives of this group. Be most circumspect in dealing with any former informants who seek advice as to membership and avoid endorsing the organization in any way whatsoever. Advise promptly of any situations involving this group which could lead to embarrassment to the Bureau inasmuch as the organization is composed of former Bureau security informants.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 5/24/62

FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1740-S

PRUSSION, on 5/21/62, furnished the attached list of speaking engagements for himself, stating he would like to have this made a matter of record in the file to indicate the number of people he is reaching with his anti-communist message. He stated that he has received excellent reactions to his talks and has taken an opportunity in each of them to praise the Director of the FBI and its work in combating communism.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following is an itinerary of Mrs. Karl Prussion's speaking engagements while in the San Diego area from May 14, 1962 to May 18, 1962.

May 14--Monday

9:00-9:45 A.M.

Convent of Sacred Heart High School

2100 Greenfield Drive.

Total attendance---300

Reaction: This high school group was most attentive and orderly. Seemed to absorb what Mr. Prussion said. Asked very intelligent questions.

10:30-A.M.---3:10 P.M.

El Capitan High School--Public

Lakeside, Calif.

Total attendance---300

Reaction: This set of lectures was given continuously in the social science class. The students responded exceptionally well with complete attention. Their questions were thoughtful and showed he had gained their interest.

6:00-11:00 A.M.

E. H. Johnson--Study group

570 Gage Drive

Total attendance---35

Reaction: This group of adults were highly impressed with the information Mr. Prussion shared--again, they seemed stimulated and most anxious for further information.

May 15--Tuesday

11:00 A.M.

University of San Diego, Women's College

Alhambra Park, Linda Vista Rd.

Total Attendance---600

Reaction: Prolonged ovation after this lecture. Very good attention to the subject. Outstanding meeting.

5:30-6:15 A.M.

Immaculate Heart Seminary

Alhambra Park, Linda Vista Rd.

Total Attendance---200

Reaction: Students of theology, seem to be intrigued. The reception and response was most cordial and productive.

8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Virginia Evers--Study group

3231 Par Drive, La Mesa

Total Attendance---50 *basically*

Reaction: This was basically an educational lecture given to study group leaders. A most informative evening for them.

May 16--Wednesday

Los Angeles

Meeting at Industrial Plant--50 employees--reception very good  
Lutheran Church Rally --600 attending--extremely good reception.



May 17--Thursday

9:45-10:30 A.M.

Cathedral High School

1549 3rd St.

Total attendance--400

Reaction: Atmosphere and attitude of students was excellent.

11:00 A.M.

San Diego State College

5702 College

Total attendance--capacity audience

Reaction: Excellent attention of students and no opposition, as was expected at this college. Intelligent questions

2:00 P.M.

University of San Diego High-Men

5961 Linda Vista Rd.

Total attendance--200

Reaction: Response was excellent. Students enthusiastic.

8:00 P.M.

Open Public Meeting

6545 El Comite Drive

Total attendance: 500

Reaction: One of the finest meeting held in the area.

May 18--Friday

High School--Our Lady of Peace -- 9:00-10:00

4860 Oregon

Total attendance--300

Reaction: Very fine. Students seemed stimulated.

San Diego High School --10:30-12:00

San Diego

Total attendance: 400

Reaction: Response was excellent--have been invited back to speak to the rest of the students.

12:30-4:00

Mrs. Janet Norton -- Study group

568 San Antonio

Total attendance: 45

Reaction: This group was new to the communist threat and intensely stimulated by the information shared.

COMMENT: This series of lectures by Mr. Prussich has been invaluable in this area, enlightening the citizenry on the danger of communist activity. He has stimulated the formation of many study groups as a result. In the main, Mr. Prussich has not received ample contributions to make future programs of this sort possible. He is indeed most worthy of every consideration in the form of financial support.

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A group of former under-  
cover agents who worked as  
communists for the FBI, have  
formed a corporation known  
as the "Silent Guardians."  
They'll offer "aid and assist-  
ance" to those concerned  
about communism and will  
also have a speakers bureau.  
One of them is Karl Prussian,  
who has spoken in Marin sev-  
eral times.

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## Ex-Red Counter-Spy To Lecture Students

A former counter-spy will lecture tomorrow in San Rafael High School, sponsored by backers of the Louis Francis Amendment.

Karl Prussian of Los Gatos, who was a counter-spy against Communist groups for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will describe his experience in a lecture starting at 8 p.m.

Prussian says he was a Communist Party member for 28 years, the last 12 of which he was actually working for the FBI, having become disenchanted with the Reds. (Under the Francis Amendment, he would be denied use of the high school for speaking because of his former Communist membership.)

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### KARL PRUSSIAN

In a speech entitled "The Communist Threat And You" at the San Rafael High School Auditorium, Sat., April 14, 8 p.m.

Mr. Prussian was a trusted member of the Communist party for 28 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. The last 12 of these years were spent as a counter-spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Don't miss this revealing and informative talk.

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## Ex-Counter Spy For FBI Talks On Communism

The Marin Branch of the Call for Americans' Committee to Combat Communism, invites the public to hear Karl Prussian, ex-counter spy for the F.B.I., who will speak at the San Rafael High School during town, Saturday, April 11, at 8 p.m.

Prussian was a trusted member of the Communist Party for 12 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. The last 12 of these years were spent as a counter spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He will name names, and tell the

audience how the Communist agent in their neighborhood is planning to undermine and control their American heritage.

Those who wish to attend the lecture will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Call for Americans' Committee. More will be available to those who wish to sign. Admission will be free.

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San Diego's attention is also directed to San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 12/29/61 entitled "MUNITIONS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY", copy of which was sent to San Diego.

The Applicant's attention is invited to the information furnished by KARL FRIEDRICH as relates to [redacted] as set forth in the letterhead memorandum. [redacted] can be contacted, according to FRIEDRICH, at [redacted] Anaheim, telephone [redacted] or [redacted] Lakewood, telephone [redacted].

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[redacted] is reportedly [redacted] for this organization; is frightened that the organization is too vast and irresponsible and he wants to quit it. He is desirous of being contacted by the FBI and will furnish details concerning this organization.

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[redacted] attempt to identify [redacted] and interview concerning information he might have as to the landing of Chinese troops at Rajah.

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Los Angeles contact [redacted] and obtain information he may have concerning activities of right-wing groups to conduct any terrorism. *Planning*

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INS locally has been furnished a letterhead memorandum concerning the reported landing of Chinese troops at Baja, California.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum have been furnished to C-2, OSI and DLO, San Francisco.

San Diego and Los Angeles should submit letterhead memorandums to the Bureau and San Francisco. Six copies should be submitted to San Francisco in order that dissemination may be made by San Francisco to INS and the three military agencies.



## See success for anti-Red measure

Anti-Communist Karl Grossman and Assemblyman Louis Francis, author of an anti-Communist measure which its backers hope to have on the June ballot, attracted about 100 people to a dinner meeting, Saturday at Deer Park Tavern.

Grossman told how Communist cells operate, drawing upon his years of experience as a counter-agent for the FBI in the Communist Party.

Francis told the gathering that the anti-Communist control measure will qualify "without a doubt" for the June elections. At present, its backers are circulating petitions to qualify it as an initiative referendum. Some 500,000 signatures are needed to place it on the ballot.

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The menace of communism in the U. S. was disclosed by a former member of that party — and what can be done to battle the threat in California — discussed by a legislator — highlighted the anti-communism rally held at the Corral de Tierra country club Saturday.

More than 200 people attended the session which featured talks by Karl Prussion, one-time Red party member and later an undercover agent for the FBI, and Assemblyman Louis Francis (R-San Mateo), author of the initiative constitutional amendment to curtail subversive activities in California.

Prussion while painting a gloomy picture of the inroads made by communism into the nation's economic, political and social life, nevertheless predicted that "we will beat the Communist conspiracy" if we act now.

Assemblyman Francis in a lengthy speech outlined each section of his initiative proposal.

The proposal would bar Communists and other subversives from holding public offices or employment, and would deny political party status to the Communists. The Communist party is defined as a world movement

with "front" organizations everywhere.

It would bar the use of public buildings for subversive purposes and would prohibit tax exemption for subversives.

The amendment also would require teachers and other employees of public institutions to answer Congressional and legislative committee inquiries concerning Communist affiliation and subversion. Employees who violate the requirement would be fined.

Francis reported that 420,000 signatures are required to get the initiative on the ballot. He said 200,000 already have been obtained and that the movement is "snowballing."

Mrs. K. M. Karve, chairman of the Monterey County unit of the Californians' Committee to Combat Communism, sponsors of the dinner, said that the response to pleas for help and finances at the meeting were good. She said she

had not yet evaluated the cards that were turned in but that she was pleased with the response.

She also announced that Richard Bennett of the Del Monte Properties company, had accepted the county vice chairmanship.

Mrs. Karve said that tapes were made of the Prussion and Francis speeches and are available to any organization desiring them. They may be reserved by telephoning the Salinas headquarters, HA 4-1872 or HA 4-2244, or the Monterey headquarters, FR 4-3585.

Stephen Maygar of Monterey was program chairman.

Those attending came from all parts of Monterey county and there also was a delegation from Santa Cruz county.

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**ANTI-COMMUNISM DRIVE**—Three leaders in the anti-communism drive are shown as they appeared at the dinner of the Californians' Committee to Combat Communism at the Hotel de Marin county club Saturday night. They are, left to right, Assemblyman Louis Brandis of San Mateo, Mrs. K. M. Harvey, county chairman, and Karl Prussen, former undersheriff of Alameda.

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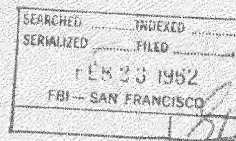
On 2/12/62, [REDACTED] Pacifica, California, who is employed [REDACTED] of the "San Francisco Examiner," appeared at the office of the FBI and furnished a copy of "HEADS UP!" published in Los Altos, California, by KARL PRUSSIAN. [REDACTED] had previously contacted the Writer concerning this and, at that time, told the Writer he would bring a copy of the publication into the office.

ACTION: File copy of "HEADS UP!" in 134-7.

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CURRENT PAID INFORMANT OF THE SF OFFICE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE CURRENTLY  
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CLARA CP. SHE REPORTS ON NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CP  
COMMITTEE, PALO ALTO PEACE CLUB AND FPCC. UNWILLING TO TESTIFY  
DUE TO TWELVE YEAR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE CP LEADERSHIP [REDACTED]

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6  
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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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On 2/7/62, [REDACTED]  
at [REDACTED] Santa Rosa, California, and who  
has telephone [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]  
that he was originally responsible for getting KARL  
PRUSSION to speak at the Flamingo Motel in Santa Rosa,  
concerning the threat of communism. [REDACTED] stated  
that the Press Democrat Newspaper, a local Santa Rosa  
Daily Newspaper, the day following PRUSSION's lecture,  
carried a short article by newspaper reporter [REDACTED]  
and, according to [REDACTED] KARL PRUSSION's lecture  
to a great extent, was taken out of context and [REDACTED]  
did not actually report truthfully concerning PRUSSION's  
lecture.

[REDACTED] stated that he, personally,  
has a tape recording of the PRUSSION lecture, and he  
also believes that PRUSSION was quoted out of context.  
[REDACTED] stated that as a result of this alleged  
mis-quoting, KARL PRUSSION was considering the matter of  
suing the newspaper for false reporting.

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[REDACTED] stated that at the present  
time, he did not actually know whether PRUSSION would  
follow through with the law suit, but he was just reporting  
this information for whatever value it may have.

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RECOMMENDATION: No action.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FOREIGN SECURITY INFORMATION

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On 2/2/52 at 3:30 PM [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office and advised that he is employed by the San Francisco Examiner newspaper [REDACTED]. He advised that he was considering distributing paper entitled "HEADS UP" published in Los Altos, Calif. by KARL PRUSSIAN. He said that PRUSSIAN in the publication purports to be a former Agent of the FBI. He said that the paper is devoted to the exposure of communism. He said that the paper seemed to be authoritative and was doing a job that was needed. He said he was calling the FBI to find out about the paper and about PRUSSIAN before distributing the paper. He was advised that as a matter of policy we could not comment concerning the paper. He was advised that PRUSSIAN was never a Special Agent of the FBI or an employee of the FBI. He was advised that PRUSSIAN had been a member of the Communist Party who furnished information to the FBI and was paid for information furnished.

SAC Price was advised of this inasmuch as [REDACTED] is an employee of the newspaper.

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## Pacific Union College Students Hear Prussion

ANQUIN — Karl Prussion, an ex-Communist and former counterespionage for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, addressed the students of Pacific Union College at an assembly

Monday of his experience in the Communist school, and how he was taught that the end justifies the means which Communism must use to conquer the world. The American Communist, however, his allegiance at all times to the Soviet Union.

Prussion related how he infiltrated church organizations to setup Communist fronts. Prussion joined the Communist party in 1939 while a student at Wayne University, Detroit, Mich. He led a strike to resist a tuition raise, and later found that the committee he headed was a Communist front.

During this time he attended a Communist school where he learned tactics for insurrection and became an active member of the party.

### New Role

In 1947, in Mountain View, the FBI accepted Prussion as a counterespionage. It was said he worked in the Communist cells in that general area as a counterespionage for 12 years. He became more and more concerned with the progress the Communists were making

and felt that Americans were not combating Communism in an effective manner. He terminated his work with the FBI in 1959 and since then he has lectured extensively in this effort to "enlighten the public" regarding the Soviet conspiracy to overthrow our government and way of life.

Prussion was the chief witness for the House Committee on Un-American Affairs in San Francisco during May, 1960. The meeting became so riotous that he finished his testimony in executive session in Washington, D. C.

"American you defeat Communism, and we must defeat Communism to survive," he stated. He advocates anti-Communist organizations of the citizens as the best way to combat the menace Communism presents to America and the world.

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To: SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

From: Director, FBI

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KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF [REDACTED]  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)  
BUDED 2-9-62

Enclosed is a self-explanatory editorial from the 1-17-62 issue of "The Valley News" regarding the above-captioned individual. So that the Bureau will be better able to evaluate any inquiries with respect to Prussion's statement as indicated in the editorial, you are instructed to submit appropriate information dealing with the identity of the individual to whom Prussion referred, as well as the nature of his statement before the California Assembly. Results of your inquiry should reach the Bureau no later than 2-9-62, captioned as above.

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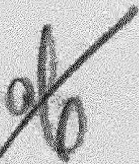
[REDACTED]  
San Carlos, California

Dear [REDACTED]:

In answer to your letter dated January 23, 1962, I would like to advise you that Mr. PRUSSIAN did maintain a confidential relationship with this office during the period mentioned in your letter, at which time he furnished the FBI with information regarding the CP. The information furnished by PRUSSIAN during that period was found to be reliable.

Sincerely,

  
Frank L. Price  
Special Agent in Charge

  
GAH/af  
1 - Addressee  
1 - San Francisco

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
111 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate your verifying the fact that Mr. Karl Prussion is as he presents himself to be - an undercover agent for the F. B. I. from 1947 - 59 - working much of his card-carrying time in the Mountain View area.

I have no reason to doubt the information furnished by the various P. T. A's around this area regarding Mr. Prussion's qualifications to speak on the Communist menace, but I think it is every American's duty to verify these facts rather than to accept them outright, without making any effort to check on them with the proper, irrefutable sources, such as your organization.

Any information you are able to give me on the above will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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San Carlos, California

If Mr. Prussion is indeed as he is represented, I think his talks and debates at the various high schools on the Peninsula will serve a very good purpose. My son, who attends San Carlos High School, went to one of these meetings and learned a good deal about the dangers of Communism. I find that most people are woefully uninformed on the subject.

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## Assemblyman Is a Red. Says Prussion

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Karl Prussion, Los Altos, former undercover FBI agent, asserted Monday that a member of the Assembly is also a member of the Communist party.

But Prussion declined to identify the person at a hearing of the Assembly Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

He said he would not name the legislator "because of the complexity of the law." Information about the lawmaker is contained in state and congressional records, he said.

Prussion was appearing in support of a constitutional amendment proposed by Assemblyman Louis Francis, R-San Mateo, which would specifically deny tax exemptions and public appointments to members of the Communist party.

Present law denies these privileges to members of organizations which advocate overthrow of the government. Francis said that by specifically naming the Communist party it would be easier to prosecute violators.

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On 1/11/62, [REDACTED]  
Sebastopol, Calif., telephonically contacted the Santa Rosa  
Reddient Agency and said he wanted to see a Special Agent regarding  
a subversive matter.

On 1/11/62, SA [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED]  
at his residence address. [REDACTED] said he was formerly  
president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and is a current  
member of the Sonoma County Tax Payers Association. He stated  
that information came to his attention that the California Farm  
Research and Legislative Committee (CFR and LC) is co-sponsoring  
a Sonoma-Marin Labor Institute to be held 4 Pm, 1/20/62, at the  
El Rancho Restaurant in Santa Rosa. One of the speakers will  
be [REDACTED] a member of the State Farm Bureau, and there  
will be a farm representative from Merced, Calif.; [REDACTED]  
said he would not attend this meeting for the following reason:

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He said that on 11/5/61, he attended a meeting of the  
California Egg and Poultry Producers Association at the Veterans  
Memorial Hall, Cotati, Calif. This meeting had to do with  
marketing orders and was attended by [REDACTED] of Petaluma,  
Calif., and Mr. CLEM MILLER, delegate congressman from the  
First Congressional District. Both [REDACTED] and MILLER made  
speeches and both advocated more help from the Government for  
the farmers. There was a discussion from the floor and Mr.  
[REDACTED] stood up and said he was speaking as a private citizen.  
He told the group they what had just been advocated smacked  
of socialism. He said he was against Government help and was  
against the policies of the CFR and LC and the reason he opposed  
it was because it was a "communist organization." [REDACTED]  
said he then sat down and CLEM MILLER took the floor and became

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very angry and MILLER said that the accusation against the CFR and LC was a lie and that he was a member of CFR and LC and there were no communists in it to his knowledge. He told [redacted] to gather for him the facts and to put up or shut up. [redacted] said he did not intend to argue the matter with MILLER and said that on 11/15/61, he corresponded with KARL PRUSSION, former FBI informant, concerning the status of CFR and LC and its staff and on the same date [redacted] received a telegram from PRUSSION which stated as follows:

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"The Farm Reporter is a communist publication and the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee is a communist party front. [redacted] and [redacted] have been identified with Reds."

The telegram was signed "KARL PRUSSION, FBI Counter Spy for 12 years."

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[redacted] said that other than the information from PRUSSION and his only feeling that the CFR and LC he had no information concerning the beliefs of individual members of CFR and LC and he objects to it because of its policy concerning Government control. He said that this type of control was communistic and designed to weaken the Government.

RECOMMENDATION

No action.

PAGE 14—Vallejo Times-Herald, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1962

# Undercover Agent Tells Workings Of Communist Party

## Exchangeites Hear Behind Scenes Machinations Of Reds In America

A former member of the Communist party who became an undercover agent for the FBI gave a behind the scenes work program of the party in the United States to members of the Vallejo Exchange Club yesterday.

He was Karl Prussion, who appeared as a guest speaker at the club's weekly luncheon meeting at the Vallejo Country Club.

A member of the party for 29 years, Prussion declared that "today more than 1,000 Communists in the United States are receiving training in the Lenin school in Moscow."

"The indoctrination of a member, he said, is long and tedious, but soon the member becomes totally dependent on his leaders."

"One finds himself living a lie," Prussion said. "He sees rigged

trials and the elimination of party members who make an effort to break away from Communism."

He said that every Communist in America is rigidly controlled by the Kremlin and must be prepared to sacrifice everything in order to further party interests.

Prussion advised his listeners that "we must take off our diplomatic relationships with the Communists to defeat them. We cannot sit down and reason with anti-Christians and hope to accomplish an accord."

"We should," he continued, "combine our own characteristics and then combine with all free countries of the world and defeat the Communists on every floor where their resolutions are presented."

He concluded with saying that Communists are not strong people, that they will back away when confronted with force."

Prussion was introduced by Hal Brooks, program chairman, while Club President Earl Landberg conducted the meeting.

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Karl Prussner, center, a former Communist Party member and an undercover agent for the FBI, receives a citation of recognition from Earl Landberg, right, president of the Vallejo

Exchange Club, yesterday for his appearance as a guest speaker. Program chairman Hal Brooks looks on.—Times-Herald Photo.

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## Ex-FBI Agent Speaks To Lions

Karl Prussion, of Los Altos, who spied on U.S. Communists for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 12 years, addressed members of the Vallejo Lions Club at their dinner meeting last night in the Casa de Vallejo Hotel.

He was introduced by James Lyall, program chairman, and the meeting was conducted by Larry Desmond, club president.

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[redacted] KCBS, called this date and said that he saw a wire release on Assembly Hearings in San Francisco at which time CARL PRUSSION testified. He said that the news story described PRUSSION as a former Government agent.

[redacted] wanted to know if he was a former FBI Agent and I told him that he never had been employed by the FBI or served as an agent but that he was an informant of the FBI at one time.

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It is noted that the "News-Call Bulletin" for 1/15/62, page 4, described PRUSSION as "one time FBI counter spy".

[redacted] went on to say that PRUSSION testified to the effect that there were Communists in the California Assembly. [redacted] asked me to make a statement on this and I told him that I had absolutely no comment to make in this regard.

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[REDACTED] UPI called and inquired about the above individual. He advised that he had seen a news story on their wires indicating PRUSSION was a former Government agent.

I told [REDACTED] that PRUSSION was a former informant of this Bureau but that at no time had he ever been employed by the FBI nor was he ever an FBI Agent.

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## No Official Red Hunt in Sacramento

Sacramento

George H. Everett, deputy director of the State Justice Department, said yesterday that the Attorney General's office has no official information that a State Legislator is a member of the Communist party.

Karl Prosser, a former FBI agent, testified before a legislative committee in San Francisco Monday that one member of the Legislature is a Communist. He declined to identify the Legislator.

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## 'Tighten Laws On Commies'

Legislation to tighten controls on subversives was the subject of an Assembly interim committee hearing here today.

Assemblyman Louis Francis (R-San Mateo) is author of a proposed state constitutional amendment which would deny tax exemption to Communist or other subversive groups, and prohibit Communists from holding public office or public employment.

KARL PRUSSION, Los Angeles, testified that "one of the most successful pieces of insidious work by the Communist Party has been the phony peace offensive."

Prussion, onetime FBI counterspy who operated in Communist circles, said one of the organizations that "bushroomed all over the U. S." after the 1949 World Peace Congress in Warsaw and the Stockholm Peace Appeal, was the Palo Alto Peace Club.

After it was declared subversive by the U.S. attorney general, it infiltrated religious groups, Prussion said.

He charged, supported by Francis, that present statutes make it almost impossible to prevent Communists from running for office.

BECAUSE OF the burden of proof required, law enforcement agencies are reluctant to make arrests or press for convictions, he said.

Francis contended that the exemptions granted to subversive groups are "a logical expenditure of the people's tax dollars."

Chairman of the interim committee is Assemblyman Walter Marks (R-San Francisco).

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# Legislator a Red, Counterspy Says

(But Won't  
Name Him)

A former Communist Party organizer and counterspy for the FBI testified yesterday that a member of the State Legislature is also a member of the Communist Party.

But Earl Prussion of Los Altos declined to identify the man for an Assembly Internal Committee.

The same committee also heard a San Jose State College engineering professor and a University of California teaching assistant deliver bitter indictments of what they termed Communist activity on the campuses.

## RETIRED ADMIRAL

The San Jose State witness, retired Rear Admiral Edward S. Carmick, said that 150 professors in California's system of higher education "have affiliations that are subversive."

And Charles Fox, a UC graduate student and teaching assistant in speech, said the Communist situation at Berkeley is such that the conservative faculty members are intimidated and afraid to speak out against the "soft attitude toward Communism."

Fox, who is director of the Students Association Against Totalitarianism, said the Red activity even has infiltrated the fraternities.

## CURB ON REDS

All were called as witnesses yesterday by Assem-

blyman Louis Francis of San Mateo who is seeking a State constitutional amendment that would deny Communist Party members the right to hold elected office, hold any public employment or receive a tax exemption.

The committee on constitutional amendments is headed by Assemblyman Milton Marks of San Francisco. The inquiry will continue today when the foes of the proposed amendments will have their inning.

Prussion's claim that a member of the Legislature is also a Communist brought instant reaction from the committee members. It had been Assemblyman Don A. Allen's question to the witness that brought out the accusation.

## 'PUBLIC RECORD'

Prussion was told it was his duty to convey the information to the proper authorities for action.

"The Attorney General's office does have this information," he insisted. "I did not give it to them but it is available to them through public documentation."

He declined to name the legislator "because of complexities of the law," he added.

He condemned college professors who say "Communism is a philosophy and that we must coexist with it."

"This type of thinking is suicidal and the kiss of death," he insisted.

The San Jose State professor, who emphasized that he was not a spokesman for the institution but was appearing as an individual, said Francis proposed amendment would

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## Hearing in S.F.

# 'A Red Is in The Legislature'

By Elliott White

Eleven witnesses at an Assembly committee hearing gave enthusiastic support here yesterday to an amendment to the State Constitution to bar Communists or other subversives from public payrolls.

And in the process, the witnesses also told the committee that:

- At least one member of the Legislature is a Communist, but did not name him.

- At least 150 professors in California colleges have "subversive" affiliations, and 30 San Jose State College teachers "violate academic freedom continually" to advance subversion. (None was named in either category.)

- An unspecified number of University of California professors are Communists or pro-Communists, in the speech, English, history, political science and economics departments. (None was named.)

The Constitutional amendment the Assembly interim committee was considering was proposed by Assemblyman Louis Francis (Rep-San Mateo). It would bar Communists or other subversives from holding any office or public job in California, and from obtaining any tax exemption.

Following Francis to the stand, Karl Prussion, former Communist and FBI "counter-spy," dropped his quiet bombshell about a Communist in the Legislature in response to a question.

He declined to name the legislator—who said he had been "identified" in past public testimony—because there's a question of proof.

The day's third witness, Rear Admiral Edward S. Carmick (USN, ret.) now a San Jose State College associate professor, classed 150 University of California professors as subversive.

Carmick also testified that at his own college, "I estimate that at least 20 of our teachers violate academic freedom continually, taking advantage of it to advance subversive ideology" to attack our National goals.

Asked later if he would identify any of the professors or teachers, he replied, "I have nothing further to say."

Other witnesses, later in the day, included Charles Cox, UC associate in speech and head of the conservative Students Association Against Totalitarianism.

Fox testified that Mrs. Clinton Jencks, wife of a labor leader who had been an accused Communist but won freedom in the United States Supreme Court, and Ida Morgan, "who was secretary of the Alameda county Communist party," both worked at UC.

They were handling student questionnaires used in a personality testing program, Fox said, that would give subversives a firm hold on many of the answering students.

Clinton Jencks said last night that his wife "was not connected with any such program" and that Fox "is wrong on all counts, as usual." He added that he did not know Ida Morgan.

The hearing resumes today in the State Building at 10 a.m.

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KARL KRUSSICH was interviewed 12/29/61 concerning  
[REDACTED] He said he had no personal knowledge of the communist  
connections of [REDACTED] and has based his attacks on [REDACTED]  
on his research in newspaper files.

He said that one news article he read recently  
revealed that [REDACTED] had been identified in Texas by a former  
GP member as having been a member of the Party in Texas.  
He said he does not now have his notes on the above research  
but stated it was all public source material.

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 of the Communist threat in our  
 country and that you can do to  
 help combat the danger to our  
 people.

Will your committee let you say  
that you are "Not interested"  
about a group that has promised  
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strate your concern by attending  
this important meeting at the  
Assembly of God, Church of  
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 to be associated, who would they call me  
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 reason I think you would be interested,

My interest in this matter is quite objective in that I have no full time to the CIA, this commission but I am not associated with Mr. Russian or his group. Indeed, I have never met Mr. Russian before or heard him speak but I do receive his literature by virtue of the fact that my name is published nationally and I am numerous mailing lists of anti-communist organizations.

I phoned your office several times regarding this item but there was no answer. Consequently my asking you this was delayed because I simply forgot the matter. I was in the annual process of cleaning my desk and just ran into it-- but as the exact action you take matters.

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# 'Stung' Soon Questions Fund For Prussion

By HARRY FARRELL  
News Political Writer

A mimeographed appeal for pledges to support Karl Prussion, controversial ex-Communist and former FBI counterspy who lives in Los Altos, stirred a political storm today.

Assemblyman Carl A. Britschgi (R-Redwood City), who was recently the subject of caustic comment in Prussion's paper "Heads Up," said he will seek a legislative inquiry into the solicitation.

The appeal for donations, dated last September, is signed by Mrs. Florence Dillinger, 1925 Byron St., Palo Alto, and is addressed to "Dear Fellow Members of the Fight for Fair Play for the U.S.A."

It begins: "This is an invitation to become one of the Sponsors for Karl Prussion. A group of us have come to the conclusion that there is nothing we can do that will be more effective in promoting our 'cause'."

## LECTURING NOW

The lengthy letter outlines Prussion's anti-Communist activity in the two years since he abandoned his base as a Communist and his undercover work for the FBI in Communist ranks. Besides publishing his mimeographed paper, he has lectured widely on Communism. Mrs. Dillinger also says Prussion could "write back" with up anti-Communist "clashes" and the

like "if we subsidize him." "In the two years since he has surfaced," she writes, "he has not had a regular job. People who have offered him jobs have received threatening phone calls and have had to retract. . . . So, some of us who see the work that does not get done, have decided to form a sponsor's committee, and pledge a monthly sum for a year at least, so his family can eat. . . . Our original aim is for 30 people to give \$20 a month. . . . Any sum, from \$50 monthly to \$5 will be wonderfully helpful. So you think this is a good idea. We think we can get these donations tax exempt — are working on it."

## QUESTIONS MEETING

Britschgi, whom Prussion himself described today as a "good conservative Republican," was the subject of an item in the September edition of "Heads Up," titled "Britschgi Honor Red Frontier."

The item questioned why Britschgi attended a Los Angeles testimonial dinner for veteran Assembly Rules Committee Chairman Augustus Hawkins (D-Los Angeles).

Hawkins, one of the two Negroes in the State Legislature, was labeled in Prussion's paper as "Red Front Assemblyman Red Hawk Guss Hawkins."

Today Britschgi, who had previously accused Prussion of "sneaky tactics," confessed in connection with the Prussion subsidy attempt: "I feel a little doubtful I think he should have tax free status to attack me."

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# Red 'Help' Alleged

By JOE BIGHAM

The actions of California Gov. Edmund G. Brown were described as helpful to the Communist party, and the political philosophy of President John F. Kennedy was likened to Communist ideology by Napa Valley spokesman William A. Prussion.

Karl Prussion, a former Communist who reformed and copied on the part for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for many years, spoke before three groups in Napa and St. Helena concerning the dangers of Communism internally to America.

Of the governor, Prussion said: "Gov. Brown is either mentally immature on the subject of Communism in California or he is openly collaborating with them. One is as bad as the other. You can make your choice."

Cites Example  
As an example, Prussion cited an instance in which Gov. Brown commended a farmers' paper for its work. Prussion said the paper is Communist.

Of the President, Prussion said: "It's no secret. I'm sure that President Kennedy is a Fabian Socialist. I find no difference between Fabian Socialism, Marxism and Communism. They all have as their basis autocratic government."

Prussion also cited an unwillingness by Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk to investigate Communism in California. He decried an investigation of the John Birch Society by Mosk, saying that this was a "camouflage to cover up the needed investigation of Communists."

"If there was an investigation of Communism in this state," Prussion continued, "we would soon find out where the strength, the support, the power of the present adminis-



Karl Prussion—Communist threat to the United States is described.

tration comes from."

Infiltration Claimed

He noted that Communists have infiltrated Democratic clubs throughout the state. Prussion said he is not a member of the John Birch Society.

For many 20 years, a member of the Communist Party, Prussion said, he concluded "We in America are being threatened by vicious, subtle criminal conspiracy in our way of life. This danger lies primarily within the United States rather than outside."

He mentioned rigorous training in techniques of infiltration and insurrection undergone by new members and said discipline is so great that "the party members soon become ascetic to everything except Communist orders."

He added that "a Communist is active in our organizations for the purpose of attaining immediate Communist objectives."

Prussion forecast attempts will be made in this area before long to start police review

boards, which he called a tactic used to weaken the country's faith in its law enforcement agencies. "This has been an objective of the Communist Party since I can remember," he stated. "Police review boards stifle the initiative of chiefs and ruin the morale of the officers."

He warned that "the United States is losing the fight against Communism because the free enterprise system has never been organized to fight Communism. Opposed, they can't lose; opposed, we can defeat them."

Need Told

Prussion said Americans must combat Communist activity in politics, churches and clubs by countering their resolutions with facts showing the other side and proposals indicating the proper approach to problems.

He concluded by saying that America's strength lies in her way of life. "We have the strength of God, of love and of truth. If we apply this strength which is ours, we will defeat Communism not only in the United States, but throughout the world."

Prussion spoke before the Napa Rotary Club at the Plaza Hotel, then addressed a public meeting at the American Legion Building under sponsorship of Republican Women. Late in the afternoon he spoke at a public meeting at St. Helena High School.

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On 10/26/61, [redacted]  
[redacted], San Francisco, California telephone [redacted]  
[redacted] telephoned the Hayward RA. She said that she had  
recently heard a speech by Prussian during which he accused  
various persons of being communists including "a highly  
placed official in Sacramento" whom [redacted] declined  
to name. She said that other persons mentioned by him were  
[redacted]  
Ed Beck and [redacted] among others. She wondered if  
these persons were Communists. The Bureau policy in this  
connection was explained to her and she volunteered that she  
would attempt to secure the information from public sources.  
[redacted] expressed appreciation and said that she under-  
stood the policy.



Meetings, Statements

## A Roundup of S. F. Political Activities

San Francisco, 14 (AP) — Communist Party members today staged a week of "congressional hearings" on "Americanism and the New Deal" at the Cow Palace, 1001 Divisadero St., from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The hearings, which are being held in the Cow Palace, are being held in the Cow Palace, 1001 Divisadero St., from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The hearings, which are being held in the Cow Palace, are being held in the Cow Palace, 1001 Divisadero St., from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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On this date an individual who identified himself as [redacted] of San Jose, California called. He refused to give his address or telephone number and asked if I could verify the statement quoting former SAC RICHARD D. AUERBACH on 8/13/61 that KARL PRUSSION had been employed for a certain period by the FBI.

I told [redacted] that I didn't know the purpose of his inquiry and he said that he had information indicating PRUSSION had been speaking in the area representing himself as a former FBI Agent. I told [redacted] this was not true, that PRUSSION was not now, nor never had been an employee of the FBI but that he had served in an informant capacity which was a matter of public information.

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He thanked me for this information and I told him if he had information that PRUSSION was representing himself as a present or former FBI employee to let me know because he was not authorized to do so.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 11/11/61

FROM : SA H. ROBERT HOY

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
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At approximately 8:17 a.m. 11/11/61 [redacted]  
[redacted] Portland 14, Oregon, telephone number  
[redacted] telephonically contacted this office stating  
he was calling long distance from Portland. He advised that  
he was attempting to locate captioned individual and had  
called him at Los Altos but received no answer.

[redacted] stated that he was aware that PRUSSION had in the  
past furnished information to the FBI and he felt that this  
office might know PRUSSION's whereabouts. He further advised  
that he is affiliated with the "Freedom Center" and PRUSSION  
is to deliver some speeches for them and was the reason for his  
wanting to contact him. [redacted] further mentioned that perhaps  
it would be better if he contacted the Los Altos Police  
Department and perhaps they could locate PRUSSION.

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The writer suggested this might be a good source of  
information.

No information was furnished [redacted] and the above  
is furnished for the information of the file.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC (134-7)

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DATE: 10/30/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
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On 10/23/61, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Santa Rosa, California, advised  
SA [REDACTED] that KARL PRUSSION had appeared at  
the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa and made an outstanding  
speech concerning the matter of communism. [REDACTED]  
stated that PRUSSION's appearance was on 10/9/61, and  
approximately 180 people heard his speech.

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[REDACTED] stated that he is anxious to  
have other speeches of a like nature delivered in the  
area of Santa Rosa, and he has personally invited HERBERT  
PHILBRICK to make a speech at the two high schools in  
Santa Rosa. [REDACTED] inquired as to whether any  
current information concerning the communist situation  
in Sonoma County could be passed on to Mr. PHILBRICK  
for his use in his speaking engagement. [REDACTED]  
was advised that the files of the FBI were confidential,  
and he stated that he might direct a letter to the  
U. S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C., to determine  
if there is any available information that could be  
used by Mr. PHILBRICK.

Recommendation - No action.MRA:ra  
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4-DAILY PALO ALTO TIMES, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1961

# Election loyalty oath bid fails in Sunnyvale

A communist spy, detected by election judges, state law — from campaigning and keep them  
in length on a vote of a city council which rejected a loyalty oath in  
Sunnyvale City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday night, Oct. 17, 1961.

All who spoke requested an adjournment but would be asked on the oath proposal.  
Communist convictions. A councilman, who said he had added to the oath proposal  
some words over means of a that is the city adopted its own oath to prevent the threat of  
backing communism at the local election code, it could be o-

level.  
Proposals that the city adopt a Councilman Mark Hirsch as  
business requiring candidates of the city could "disrupt  
city officers in a loyalty oath the state code and add a pro-

city and the United Communist Party?"  
Hirsch said, "It would be an  
to attack and somebody else  
should not be in the attack."

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and another election judge  
for loyalty oath, continued. On  
names in the U.S. Code  
that the Democratic Party of  
Republican Party, which is  
approved of a city election code.

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Hirsch said the city now must  
would prevent communism

from campaigning and keep them  
from spreading their insidious  
propaganda" during Sunnyvale  
elections. He again urged a vote  
on the oath proposal.  
Hirsch warned that such action  
would be "against the threat of  
backing communism at the local  
election code, it could be o-

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## Former Communist To Speak Tomorrow

A former Communist and FBI agent will give a talk entitled "Inside the Communist Conspiracy in California," Monday in Santa Rosa.

Ken Prussion will speak at 8 p.m. at the Flamingo Hotel.

The Montgomery Village Optimist Club, which is sponsoring the free public meeting, says Mr. Prussion's talk "is not for the timid."

Mr. Prussion tells no names, places, and in essence is Red baiting.

A question-and-answer period will follow the talk.

Listeners are urged "bring your own recorders."

Mr. Prussion joined the Communist Party while a student at



MR. PRUSSON

Wayne State University in Detroit in 1933.

He eventually became disillusioned with the party, became a reluctant Communist, and finally an FBI undercover agent in the San Francisco peninsula area from 1947 until Aug. 19, 1949.

Mr. Prussion was one of the two friendly witnesses at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in San Francisco in May, 1950.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9555)

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SA RICHARD H. NELSON

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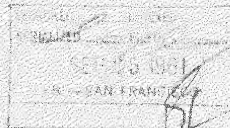
On 9/25/61, Former SF 1740-S advised that he has publicly criticized Attorney General MOSK for his failure to prosecute HOLLAND ROBERTS as a violator in connection with his having signed a non-communist oath as a candidate for public office in California. He said he had received a letter from Attorney General MOSK telling him that MOSK's office is not the agency responsible for prosecution in matters of this type. In this letter MOSK told Former SF 1740-S that he has referred his statements to the appropriate District Attorneys in California Districts having jurisdiction in the individual cases. He said that he has had a communication from LOUIS BERGNA, District Attorney, Santa Clara County, concerning HOLLAND ROBERTS and that they had arranged a tentative appointment for the first week in September to discuss the ROBERTS case.

Former SF 1740-S explained that he did not plan any action against MOSK, however, he had originally contemplated petitioning for impeachment of MOSK for failure to perform his duties.

Former SF 1740-S was again contacted on 9/19/61. He said that an investigator from BERGNA's office had called on him on about 9/12/61, and had received Former SF 1740-S' statements concerning the CP membership of ROBERTS at the time he took the non-communist oath. He had also pointed out to the investigator that in HCUA hearings in San Francisco another former FBI undercover Agent had identified ROBERTS as a CP member and the investigator assured Former SF 1740-S that he would contact that individual. Former SF 1740-S could not immediately recall the name of this other witness. He said he did not believe prosecution of ROBERTS would be forthcoming since he believed that the political ramifications of the matter would prevent prosecution. He said, however, that he has offered his services as a witness in any action against ROBERTS.

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TO : SAC, SF (134-7)

DATE: 9/20/61

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SF 1740-S

On 9/19/61, LOUIS BERGNA, District Attorney of Santa Clara County, called SAC PRICE regarding the fact that KARL PRUSSIAN was going to file a complaint against Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS because of HOLLAND ROBERT's alleged CP membership at the time of his candidacy for an elective office in the State of California.

BERGNA inquired if PRUSSIAN had been an informant for us. Mr. PRICE informed BERGNA that PRUSSIAN had been an informant for the FBI; that he was paid for his services; that at the time PRUSSIAN decided that he no longer wished to keep his relationship confidential with this Office, his informant services were terminated. PRICE also advised him that during the time PRUSSIAN was an informant his information was found to be accurate.

NOTE: Details regarding the above have been furnished to the Bureau by letter dated 8/29/61, 134-7-454.

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*Mr. Attorney General  
Special Services 9/20/61 - Lg*

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-3730)

DATE: 6/30/61

FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: CP, SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
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[REDACTED]	6/14/61	6/19/61	SA RICHARD H. NELSON	[REDACTED]

The following is a report of a meeting of the Palo Alto CP Club held 6/14/61, at 730 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California, home of MIKE and MARY SHAPOVALOV.

"6/16/61

"Palo Alto Club Communist Party

"The Palo Alto Club of the Communist met on Wed. June 14th '61 at the home of the Shapovalovs. Those attending were Walter Harju, The Shapovalovs, Gertrude Adler, [REDACTED], Mary Wilson, [REDACTED] b6 b7C  
[REDACTED] Doris Dawson, [REDACTED] and Elizabeth Nicholas. Almost

14 - San Francisco (100-3730)

cc: [REDACTED]

INDEX: [REDACTED] Attorney,  
Mt. View & Palo Alto

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100- (WALTER HARJU)  
100-24948 (MIKE SHAPOVALOV)  
100-34164 (MARY SHAPOVALOV)  
100-25794 (GERTRUDE ADLER)  
100-7103 [REDACTED]  
100-33524 (MARY WILSON)  
100-24017 [REDACTED]  
100-33801 (DORIS DAWSON)  
100-1418 (LIZ NICHOLAS)  
100-30717 (PARTY LINE)  
134-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)  
65-1242 [REDACTED]

Read by [REDACTED]  
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the entire evening was taken up with the discussion about the decision of the Supreme Court, nothing was finalized - Doris Dawson said that she had contacted [redacted] and asked him if the time came would he defend her, she told him that she is a party member. She said that he said he would. Some one suggested that maybe some of the rank & file would be picked up for purposes of intimidation. Mary Wilson said that we do not have to worry about Karl Prussion as he has been out of the party for more than a year. The discussion ended with Elizabeth Nicholas saying that the National Committee was meeting now to discuss the problem and that [redacted] will be back on July 5th to discuss it with the district committee. So the next club meeting is July 12th at the home of Doris Dawson - if there are no changes.

/s/ [redacted]

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Informant was questioned concerning this report and had no further information.

Recommendation: No investigation.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-0- )

DATE: June 12, 1961

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LOYAL AMERICANS

At Aptos, California on June 9, 1961:

[REDACTED] advised that she is the chairman of the Central Santa Cruz County chapter of the above organization. This organization was started by KARL PHENIAN and [REDACTED], a member of the United States Navy stationed at Moffett Field. She stated that her group meets weekly at the homes of the members and is organized for the purpose of "fighting communism". [REDACTED] stated that she is a member of the Aptos school board and lives at [REDACTED] Aptos, California. Her husband operates [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Aptos, California.

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[REDACTED] advised that she contacted the FBI because her group was concerned about a meeting sponsored by the National Guardian to be held at Camp Monte Toyon, near Aptos on the weekend of June 16, 1961. [REDACTED] advised that she and KARL PHENIAN contacted Mrs. [REDACTED], manager of the camp on June 2, 1961. [REDACTED] appeared surprised when informed that the meeting was possibly subversive. She indicated that there was not much that she could do since the deposit had already been accepted to permit the group to meet as scheduled.

[REDACTED] advised that she has also contacted [REDACTED] of the Aptos Methodist Church, who lives at [REDACTED] Aptos, California. He is on the board of directors of the Camp Monte Toyon. He stated that the camp is the property of a group of Methodists and the Methodist Church does not control the camp except through the board of directors. [REDACTED] did not indicate what further action if any she intended to take.

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ACTION: File as a matter of information.

1 cc -- 100-11356 (NATIONAL GUARDIAN)

1 cc -- 136- (KARL PHENIAN)

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AIR-TEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-147)

RE: [REDACTED]

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Rebulet 5/13/61 and San Francisco tel 6/14/61.

The title in this matter has been changed to set forth the middle name of [REDACTED] and to delete the name of KARL FRUSSION, original source in this matter, from the title.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter, setting forth results of interview with [REDACTED] on June 13, 1961. This interview was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and JOHN M. PAGE.

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Information relating to background of [REDACTED] was obtained from [REDACTED] Lockheed Missile and Space Company, Sunnyvale, California, on June 14, 1961.

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For the information of the Bureau, it is the observation of the interviewing Agents that [REDACTED] is completely sincere in his desire to combat world-wide communism. It is further noted that [REDACTED] was completely frank during the interview and offered no hesitation in discussing the matters set forth in letterhead memorandum.

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[redacted] indicated that in many ways he finds the aims and programs of the John Birch Society to be very much in keeping with his own ideas. He stated that he is not a member of the Birch Society and that he has not always agreed with some of the allegations of the Birch Society concerning communists in Government, but that basically he felt this organization was following a course of action which could assist in winning the world of communism. He specifically took exception to the recent publicity, and in his opinion censure, of General WALKER, U. S. Army, who had recently been relieved of his assignment in Germany in connection with the issuance of John Birch Society literature to personnel in his command. SCHMIDT stated that it was a sorry day when a patriot was publicly criticized for following a patriotic course of action.

He further indicated his complete support of the FBI, recognizing it as one of the last bulwarks against communism in the U.S. [redacted] stated that his cooperation in any matter in which the Bureau had an interest would always willingly be given.

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Letterhead memorandum has been disseminated to military locally. No further action this office, WAGE.





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San Francisco 2, California

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On June 13, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Sunnyvale, California.

[redacted] frankly admitted that in recent past he has been outspoken concerning the need to alert the U. S. people and Government to a course of positive action against world communism. He stated that he "despises the liberal mind," which he feels presently dominates all thinking in the U. S. Department of State and formulates U. S. foreign policy. [redacted] stated that it is his contention that these individuals are incapable of recognizing the continuing encirclement of free nations throughout the world by the communists and made specific reference to the situation in Laos and Cuba. [redacted] stated, "You can't negotiate with KHRUSHCHEV and the State Department should be swept out."

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In this regard, [redacted] stated that in his opinion the U.S. has two possibilities in combatting world-wide communism. One, to establish a foreign policy which in the eyes of communists everywhere will be strong and resolute. He said that the U. S. must re-establish itself as "stating a position and then standing by the position, even at the risk of war." At this point [redacted] made specific reference to action taken by former Secretary of State DULLES regarding Formosa and Lebanon and said that these actions had been the only positive action taken by the U. S. against communism in recent years. [redacted] stated that if the U.S. Government can not be induced to follow this type action, to which he referred to as "brinkmanship," then the second alternative is a preventive war.

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RE: [REDACTED]

Concerning this position, [REDACTED] stated that it was his opinion that if the U. S. Government would not of its own volition engage in a preventive war, then it would be "the duty" for individual citizens to take action to provoke a war with Russia. [REDACTED] noted that he has discussed these ideas with various individuals and has expressed the opinion that such action by a group of "dedicated patriots" could succeed. [REDACTED] related that among ways he has suggested such action could be brought about would be by taking over a missile installation already on target for Russia and releasing the missile. [REDACTED] said that he is aware such a plan would necessitate the participation of numerous qualified individuals. He made reference to the fact that recent publicity regarding Thor missile installations indicated that the missiles are ultimately controlled by "two keys" and that it would obviously be necessary to include individuals having access to the keys in such an undertaking. [REDACTED] stated that he is not acquainted with any individuals, civilian or military, presently having access to the keys, but that he is convinced that such an endeavor, if properly planned, could succeed.

[REDACTED] noted that any such program would necessitate considerable financing and he stated that he has generally discussed with various individuals ways and means by which such financing could be accomplished. [REDACTED] noted that he considers Nationalist China to be a logical source of financing in connection with any action taken against world communism. He said that he has discussed with a number of individuals the possibility of enlisting the support of CHIANG KAI-SHEK in this regard, but that he has never taken any positive action in connection thereto. [REDACTED] noted that these matters have only been topics of discussion, that they are theoretical, and that at no time has he ever endeavored to raise funds for such a project, nor has he ever attempted to organize any group with the purpose of provoking a war with Soviet Russia.

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During the interview [REDACTED] volunteered that it was "insensible" that the U.S. or any of the free world nations would give assistance of any kind to communist nations. [REDACTED] specifically cited the grain agreements between Canada and Red China and tractors for Cuba as being programs in which the U.S. is unwittingly furthering the extension of world communism. [REDACTED] said, "You don't feed your enemies in a war." He advised that he has discussed on numerous occasions the possibility of blowing up grain supplies and grain ships in Canada destined for Red China. At this point he stated that if he had the power to press a button and blow up all the Canadian ships carrying Chinese grain he would do so without a moment's hesitation.

[REDACTED] stated that at no time has he ever, or would he ever, consider any act of sabotage against the U.S. He said, "We need everything we have."

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During the interview [REDACTED] exhibited a vehement attitude toward the dangers of world communism. He said that if the time ever came that world communism took over the U.S. he would without hesitation destroy his family and himself. He stated he "had four bullets for his two children, wife and self."

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[REDACTED] continually stated that he felt very strongly concerning this matter and that it was his hope that the U. S. Government would recognize that the only way to fight world communism was the establishment of a strong resolute position against it. He stated that he was convinced that such an attitude on the part of the U.S. would be successful and could be accomplished without war, but that if the U.S. did not re-evaluate its position, then in his opinion a preventive war, which he foresaw as a victory for the free world, would be the only alternative.

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During the course of the interview [REDACTED] proudly displayed many copies of the May 18, 1961, Volume 107, Congressional Record. [REDACTED] pointed out that Congressman CHARLES GUBSER, 10th Congressional District of California, had inserted in full an article prepared by

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RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] together with one [REDACTED], a career Navy man assigned at Moffett Field, Sunnyvale, California, describing the riot at San Francisco, California, during the House Committee on Un-American Activities Hearings during May, 1960. [REDACTED] noted that this article, entitled "San Francisco's Black Friday," is set forth in full, beginning on page 7835 of this issue of the Congressional Record.

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[REDACTED] further advised that he is presently preparing a communication to Congressman GUBSER, setting forth his recommendations for coping with Russia and world communism by the establishment of a strong, resolute foreign policy. [REDACTED] stated that it is his hope and desire that other individuals will join with him in his efforts to force through public opinion a change in U. S. foreign policy, in order to successfully combat world communism.

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[REDACTED] concluded the interview by stating he fully realizes that his statements and actions could well jeopardize his employment and security clearance at Lockheed Missile and Space Company, but that he "placed principle above financial security" and intended to continue in his effort to bring his message to the U. S. people and Government. He commented that, if necessary, he could find gainful employment which would not necessitate a security clearance of any type.

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The following is background information concerning [REDACTED]

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He was born [REDACTED] and began his presently employment at Lockheed in approximately September, 1958. [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]

He resides at [REDACTED] Sunnyvale,  
California, with his wife, [REDACTED] nee [REDACTED]  
born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as White, Male, American,  
[REDACTED]

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San Francisco, California

June 13, 1961

Col. William R. Rainford  
HQ of 5, C-2  
Headquarters Sixth U. S. Army  
Presidio of San Francisco,  
California

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Dear Colonel Rainford:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of letterhead  
memorandum captioned [redacted] aka [redacted]  
[redacted], dated at San Francisco, California, June 13,  
1961.

Any additional information relating to this matter  
will be furnished your agency.

A copy of this memorandum is also being furnished  
DIO, 12th Naval District and OSM, Travis Air Force Base,  
for information.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. AMERBACH  
Special Agent in Charge

2 - C-2, GA (Encl. 2) (REG)  
cc: 1 - DIO, LAMP (Encl. 1) (BY HAND)  
cc: 1 - OSM, Travis AFB (Encl. 1) (REG)

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AIR-TEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-NEW)

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(Bufile 100-619152)  
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Reurlet 6/13/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned [REDACTED] aka, [REDACTED] containing information set forth in retel.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum have been disseminated this date to G-2, OSI and DIO, locally, as interested agencies.

The memorandum is classified CONFIDENTIAL inasmuch as it contains information the disclosure of which could adversely affect the national defense.

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[redacted] is employed as [redacted] at Lockheed Missile and Space Company, Sunnyvale, California. During the past several months [redacted] who is outspokenly anti-Communist, has publicly engaged in debates in support of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and the film "Operation Abolition."

On June 12, 1961, a source which has furnished reliable information in the past advised that [redacted] had contacted him to enlist his support in an action program aimed against world communism. According to source, [redacted] related that he is associated with a group of individuals described as dedicated persons genuinely concerned with the continued advances of communism throughout the world. [redacted] indicated that these individuals, number and identity not disclosed, include former military personnel, an expert in the demolition field, and an individual allegedly having access to the "key" which is the final step in the releasing of United States missiles presently ready and on target for Russia.

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According to source [redacted] indicated that their purpose was to cause incidents through various acts of sabotage and bombings in such a manner that the communists would be blamed, thereby stimulating and rallying public opinion to the point where the U. S. Government would be forced into taking positive action against world communism.

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RE: [REDACTED]

Source advised that [REDACTED] indicated the group was prepared to initiate action by blowing up grain elevators in Canada and the possibility of placing delayed action bombs in grain ships leaving Canada for Red China.

Source further indicated that [REDACTED] hoped to arrange a conference with CHIANG KAI-SHEK for the purpose of enlisting CHIANG's support in their fight against world communism. In addition, [REDACTED] indicated need for raising funds to finance the project, noting that \$120,000 is presently needed.

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Source advised that he has no intention of becoming involved in this matter and under no circumstances would he lend encouragement to [REDACTED]. Source stated that the entire matter is fantastic and almost unbelievable, but that under the circumstances he desired to bring the matter to the attention of appropriate authorities.

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Source stated that any additional information related to the matter coming to his attention would be immediately made available.

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Former SF 1740-S (KARL PRUSSIAN), advised today that [redacted] and [redacted] Baptist Minister of SF will debate in Fresno on 5/2/61 on the film "Operation Abolition". He said [redacted] is an effective speaker in defense of the film. PRUSSIAN is to speak following [redacted] and this is to be a surprise for [redacted]. PRUSSIAN will make a plea for funds for "Youth For Christ" which he considers a worthy anti-Communist organization.

PRUSSIAN is a former paid Security Informant who quit to propagandize openly against the Party. PRUSSIAN was a paid informant of this office from 11/49 to 7/58. He has attacked the democratic Party as Communist infiltrated and has made many enemies. Has associated himself with an organization "Free Men Against Communism" about which we know nothing derogatory, and is now publishing a little pamphlet "Heads Up" which attacks and exposes Communism.

PRUSSIAN has testified openly before HCUA naming names. So far he has been factual in his public statements and testimony. PRUSSIAN is a resident of Los Altos, Calif, and self employed as a contractor. [redacted] has been critical of Bureau's security investigators, HCUA, and has generally exhibited a left wing, pro-Communist bias.

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San Diego will recall that [redacted] recently criticized the Director's report on "Communist Target Youth." It has also been reported that [redacted] of the Methodist Church in Fresno was responsible for the original motion in the National Council of Churches which condemned the HCUA movie, "Operation Abolition." This is furnished to your offices since you will possibly be receiving inquiries regarding [redacted] and PRUSSIAN.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 4/11/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6  
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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
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On 3/15/61, [REDACTED] who is active in the Free Men Against Communist Organization and has furnished information in the past relating to the proposed activities of this group, made available a copy of a mimeographed newspaper entitled "Heads Up", which is published by the captioned individual. [REDACTED] advised that PRUSSION has lessened his activity in the Free Men Against Communist Group and is endeavoring to encourage opposition to communism in the area through the publication of this newspaper. [REDACTED] indicated that PRUSSION has been somewhat unhappy because of the slowness with which Free Men Against Communism Organization has moved in its exposition of communism. *Index*

[REDACTED] advised that he will furnish any additional copies of this publication which come to his attention.

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The copy of the newspaper is attached hereto for inclusion in the file of KARL PRUSSION.

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## YR To Hear Undercover FBI Agent

BURLINGAME: An FBI country who spent 12 years as an undercover agent posing as a member of the Communist Party will be guest speaker at tonight's meeting of the Tri-City Young Republican Club.

Karl Friedman, who testified in the hearings before the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco and in Washington will address the club at 8 P.M. in the Burlingame City Council chambers.

The meeting is open to the public.

Friedman joined the Communist front organization in 1931 and worked with it in various capacities. At the FBI he reported the party in 1946 and for 12 years presented weekly reports on Communist activities.

His testimony disclosed the Double Cross deal because he was very near to being exposed.

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CP, SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
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DOCUMENTATION:

[REDACTED] 1/25/61 1/30/61 SA RICHARD H. [REDACTED]  
NELSON

The following is a written report of a meeting of informant's CP Club held at the home of MARY WILSON, 71 Morton Way, Palo Alto, on 1/25/61:

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"Palo Alto Club Communist Party meeting 1/26/61

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"On 1/25/61 the Palo Alto Club of the Communist Party met at the home of MARY WILSON. Those attending were, MARY WILSON, [REDACTED] the SHAPOVALOVs, WALTER HARJV, FRANK SCHNEIDER, ELIZABETH NICHOLAS, IKE FOLKOFF, GERTRUDE ADLER, SARA ALCHERMES and DORIS DAWSON.

1 - 100-3730 (CP, Santa Clara Cty)

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-11889 (CP N. Calif Dist.)

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1 - 100-33524 (MARY WILSON)

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1 - 100-34164 (MARY SHAPOVALOV)

1 - 100-24948 (MIKE SHAPOVALOV)

1 - 100-16351 (WALTER HARJV)

1 - 100-24017 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-1418 (LIZ NICHOLAS)

1 - 100-1346 (ISAAC FOLKOFF)

1 - 100-25794 (GERTRUDE ADLER)

1 - 100-7103 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-33801 (DORIS DAWSON)

1 - 100-6809 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-36985 (HOUA)

1 - 97-27 (PW)

1 - 100-32969 [REDACTED]

1 - 134-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)

1 - 105-9555 (HOLLAND ROBERTS)

1 - 100-26239 (Membership)

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"There was a discussion on the coming financial drive for the People's World. SARA ALCHERMES reported that [redacted] asked her to mentioned that the People's World needs to borrow some money as usual before the drive starts in March.

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"DORIS DAWSON brought up the possible return of the Un-American Committee mentioned by ALAN ISAKE at the MORFORD meeting. She said she had talked to [redacted] during the day and he said he had some report for the Un-Am. Committee concerning some interview they had with KARL PRUSSIAN in Washington. He said as soon as he was thru with it he would lend it to her. DORIS DAWSON suggested that we should begin to think of what lawyer we might get and suggested JOE LEWIS. MARY WILSON said she didn't think it was necessary to plan anything yet. GERTRUDE ADLER disagreed with MARY WILSON and suggested the San Francisco lawyers. ELIZABETH NICHOLAS said that she thought it would be good to have a local lawyer as she feels it would be a good idea to involve more lawyers with the Un American committee. DORIS DAWSON said that PETER SZEGO seemed to think that there might be one other 'Mr. X' beside KARL PRUSSIAN.

"The probelm of HOLLAND ROBERTS membership was brought up. See separate report.

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[redacted] and DORIS DAWSON gave a report on the Rev. MORFORD meeting.

"SARA ALCHERMES gave a report on the HOLLAND ROBERTS meeting and said the collection was \$53.00

"There was quite a bit of criticism about the HOLLAND ROBERTS meeting. About HOLLAND's talk and the fact that he goofed with the slides.

"The next meeting is Feb. 15th at MARY WILSON's house again.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"P.S. Everyone at this meeting have registered again as communist party members."

Informant had no further information.

RECOMMENDATION:       No investigation.



# True Story of City Hall Riots

## Archie Brown—'A Communist and Proud of It'

Karl Prussion and Archie Brown may or may not know each other.

But they have nothing but contempt for each other.

Brown, 49, a longshoreman, has been an outspoken Communist for 25 years. He still is.



Willoughby

Prussion, 51, a building materials salesman, was a Communist for 26 years, the last nine for the FBI. He is now an outspoken anti-Communist.

They were the protagonists on Black Friday, 1960.

Prussion was the chief friendly witness at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing at City Hall. Brown was the chief unfriendly witness.

Eight months after May 13, 1960, News-Call Bulletin reporter Wes Willoughby interviewed them on successive days, asking, on several occasions, the same questions of each.

"I am a Communist and proud of it," says Archie Brown.

"I am not a foreign agent of Russia or anybody. I feel I am a patriotic American."

"I THINK Socialism is the only way to live for the United States and the world."

"I was born in a large family of thirteen boys, three girls, and one girl. I was born in a large family."

His father was a farmer, then a teamster when the family moved from the farm. Brown came to the Bay Area at 13, the rest of the family came later.

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## Karl Prussion- Outspoken Anti-Communist

"A few years ago I was a successful builder, with assets of more than \$200,000," says Karl Prussion.

"Now I'm making about \$100 a month and things are rough.

"The whole Communist conspiracy was responsible for my bankruptcy. But I'm happier than I ever was."

Karl Prussion, short, graying and neatly-clothed, looks more like a dignified community pillar than an ex-revolutionary or counterespionage agent.

A NATIVE of New York, he joined the Communist Party in 1933 while a senior mechanical engineering student at Wayne University in Detroit.

Prussion was a builder of frame homes on the Peninsula in the 50's, and, at the same time, an FBI counterespionage agent within the Communist Party.

He lives in Los Altos with his wife and two children, but, he says, has been forced by management to move five times since he was ousted from the party in 1959 at a home drive meeting in Oakland.

Prussion made a same 40 residents of the Bay Area as contributing to the local communist activities in San Francisco and at a special session in Washington three months ago.

SIX OF THE 40 were subpoenaed and refused to testify in City Hall. The others, Prussion says, will be subpoenaed the next time the committee comes to town.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-NEW)

SUBJ:  
KARL PRUSSIAN - VICTIM  
MURDER

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[REDACTED] Sunnyvale,  
California, on 1/25/61 furnished the following:

He is a member of Free Man Against Communism, an anti-Communist organization which has presented films, literature and speakers against Communism in the San Francisco Bay Area for the past six months. A member of the organization and frequent speaker under its auspices is KARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1748-3 and former paid Bureau informant who has been publicly identified as such. (Bufile 61-9352).

On 1/24/61, [REDACTED] received in P.O. Box 451, Sunnyvale, California, which box was rented by above organization, a letter addressed to "Free Man, Box 451, Sunnyvale," postmarked 1/23/61 at Berkeley, California. The letter, which was hand printed in pencil, read:

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"That stoop pigeon Prussen won't live to testify again. Too many getting hurt."

[REDACTED] said this P.O. Box appears on all literature distributed by the organization. He has no suspects, but noted PRUSSIAN has addressed large groups, which included many students of the University of California at Berkeley. PRUSSIAN resides 956 Panchita Way, Los Altos, California, but was not available for interview.

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Note being forwarded to FBI Laboratory by separate communication. [REDACTED] advised he is the only person who has handled same and date for elimination prints obtained.

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Investigation continuing.

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# Impassioned Panel Argues Over HCUA

## Excited Overflow Crowd Views Film of SF Riots

BY JERRY BANKIN  
Associate Editor

The House Committee on Un-American Activities was vigorously blasted and praised by an impassioned four-man panel before an equally excited overflow throng in Cubberley Auditorium last night. Students jammed into every dusty corner of the auditorium and standing in the lobby and corridors outside first viewed the controversial HCUA film "Operation Abolition" and then listened for an hour and 20 minutes as the panel members took turns attacking or defending the committee.

UNIVERSITY of California Philosophy Professor John Searle and Stanford Daily Editor Barry Greenberg took the HCUA to task on three main points:

- It is unconstitutional.
- It destroys civil liberties.
- Its existence and methods are of "immense help" to communism.

KARL Frustration, a former Communist and later an FBI counter-spy, and Wilhelm Schmitt, an ex-

HZSU, 880 kc, will present a tape of the debate tonight at 8 p.m.

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Greiner working for Lockheed Corp.'s Polaris project, defended the committee and moderated by Professor Dwight McCord, on those main points.

• It is necessary for the HCUA to exist so it can root out and publicly expose, e.g., Communist techniques and Communists.

• The HCUA serves a legitimate purpose by proposing to the House legislation to fight communism and in helping that legislation's passage.

• The menace of communism to the United States is "extremely critical" and only through "grass-roots" organizations and groups such as the HCUA can Americans successfully combat the Red danger.

**FOLLOWING** the film's showing, Greenberg opened discussion by citing nine "documented inaccuracies and distortions" appearing in the film or its sound track.

He called the movie a "typical display of disregard for honesty and ethics on the part of the HCUA" and said this "provides one more reason why this body should be abolished."

Passion then replied that he and Schmitt weren't debating the HCUA's film or methods but instead were "urging that the investigative powers of the committee be strengthened" because that is one effective way of fighting communism.

**HE DECLARED** that his more than 20 years as a Communist convinced him that (1) it is "totally wrong" to treat communism as an ideology, philosophy or political party; that the Red movement in the U.S. is "a conspiracy to overthrow the government by violence" and nothing else; (2) the Communists have total contempt for the laws of the nation but will bend them to the utmost to overthrow the government; and (3) U.S. communists will work on either one or both sides of an issue if they are directed to do so by their Kremlin bosses.

**HE SAID** that U.S. Communists are workers for "Red Fascism" exclusively, and the real menace to the nation is the "Communist conspirators" and "their apologists."

Searle, who participated in the demonstrations last May at San Francisco's City Hall when "Censorship Abolition" was made, all at the HCUA for employing the "multiple untruth" technique in the film.

During the discussion, held later, in referring to what he called the "invasion of the lives of these young men" by the HCUA, Searle discredited what he called the democratic government's right to prosecute those who may hold dissenting or even anti-democratic views if those persons have not broken any laws.

**SCHMITT** at one point told his audience, which hissed, applauded and otherwise burst forth regularly during the movie and discussion, in referring to some statements just made by Searle, that it had "just seen a remarkable demonstration of Communist technique."

Schmitt, having made, on his

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argument on religious grounds, also noted that by "simple logic" reasoning, it should be obvious that since Communists want to destroy civil liberties and since they desire to do away with the HCUA, that retention of the HCUA is the course of action we should follow to retain our civil liberties.

Passion concluded the discussion by declaring that the Communist danger to this country is "extremely critical" and that Americans will lose their freedom "within four years" if citizens do not organize and fight the Red danger wherever it "ears its ugly head."

The auditorium began filling with students about 6:45 and by 6:50 was jammed to capacity, with the audience spilling into and almost filling the Cumberley lobby and milling in the corridors.

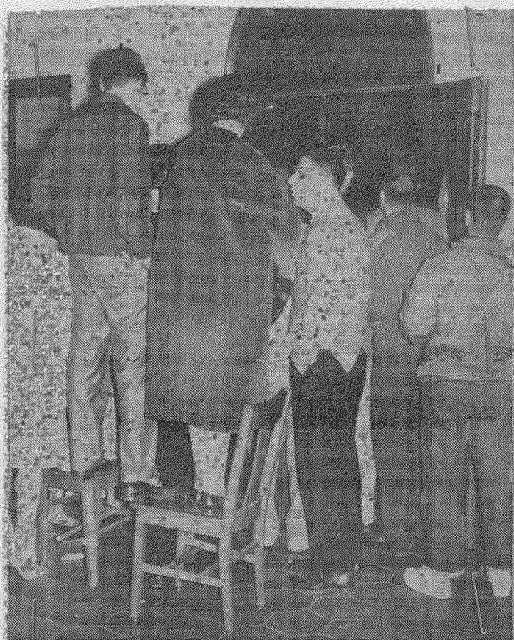
**DURING** the film and discussion some stood on chairs at the front and peered in over the heads of those standing in back and extending about a foot of the way down the two main aisles.

The film was shown a second time, at 10:10 p.m., and this audience, already tiredly packed to the limit with many again unable to get in.



Daily photo by Bill Koppke

**PANEL ARGUES FOR AND AGAINST**  
Wilhelm Schmitt, Karl Brunsen, Moderator William McGord,  
Barry Greenberg and John Seale.



**CAPACITY CROWD AT GUBBERLEY**

Unseated students try to glimpse movie of San Francisco riots



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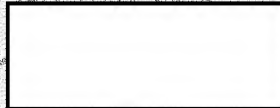
Gentlemen:

Mr. Carl Prussian spoke before the High Twelve of Oakland last Monday, January 16, 1961, at the Hill Castle Hotel. Mr Prussian states that he has been employed by you in years past as under-cover agent while still maintaining contact with the communist cell.

Will you please give me any information you have in regard to this Mr. Prussian and also indicate his present connections. I understand of course that nothing which you say will be but information which the public is entitled to receive.

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Very truly yours



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2-DAILY PALO ALTO TIMES, Thursday, Jan. 12, 1961

## Operation Abolition

# Boos, cheers greet film

By BOB SLAYMAN  
Operation Abolition, a controversial film dealing with student demonstrations at last May's House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in San Francisco, attracted a packed house and a mixed reaction last night at Stanford.

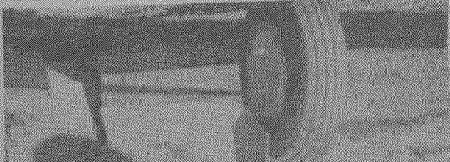
The 500-seat Chamberley Auditorium was filled 40 minutes before the start of the film, and hundreds waited outside during the two-hour film and panel discussion, a chance to see the film show.

STUDENT POLICE handled the huge crowd without incident.

The film and subsequent comments by opposing panelists were punctuated by shouts of applause, loud laughter and occasional hisses.

The film has been called the House committee's "first others as an illustration of how Communist agitators and organizers successfully recruited Bay Area students to riot the city hall hearings, an assessment by F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover.

(AP Wire Photo)



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## Miss Nance To Head Ladies' Club

Miss Valerie Nance will direct activities of the Women's committee of the Pacific Service Employees association for the coming year. The new chairman was introduced at last week's committee meeting by Miss Betty Bashaw, outgoing chairman.

Women attending the committee meeting observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. T. Ernest Ward, local division manager who died Nov. 7.

Major program item was a beauty demonstration on the latest hair style and beauty preparations. Mrs. James Craig, beauty operator from Watsonville, and Mrs. June Longley, beauty counselor, presented the demonstration.

Also included on the evening's program was the showing of the film, "Operation Abolition," which was followed by a talk from Mr. Karl Prussion. Mr. Prussion, who was once a member of the FBI working in the Communist front party, is now a member of the Young Men Against Communism organization.

Mrs. James Craig was chairman for the evening.

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FROM : IC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN

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Today, phone call received from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SF 27, Calif.b6  
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[REDACTED] reported that Radio Station KCBS, San Francisco, had a program on the air last night called "Viewpoint" at which time a speaker came on by the name of KARL something, who stated that he had been with the FRI for 12 years.

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She stated that this fellow made some damaging statements which sounded as if all the Democratic Clubs of California were communistic. She stated that she had worked hard for the Democrats in California and no one is going to stand up or say over the air that she is a communist. He mentioned that he had documentary proof, etc., and this to her was frightening.

She believes that they said that he was from Salinas and would like to have this office contact him concerning his association with the FBI, because she thinks too highly of the FBI to even think a person such as he is to have ever been connected with it. She stated that the entire program was on tape and it could be heard at the KCBS studio in SF.



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DATE: 11/9/60

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SUBJECT:

KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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On 11/8/60, [REDACTED] Berkeley, Calif., telephone [REDACTED] who advised that he was a member of the faculty of the University of California in the Department of Economics, reported that sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 PM on 11/7/60, he was listening to a radio station to a program entitled "Comment," in which program a [REDACTED] (ph) is the moderator. The program consists of individuals calling in from various parts of Northern California and they are in turn interviewed over the air by [REDACTED]. On 11/7/60, a KARL, whose last name [REDACTED] could not recall, which name, however, he felt would be available at the radio station, was interviewed from Salinas, Calif. During the interview, he identified himself as a "spy for the FBI" and an FBI undercover man. He also stated that the Fresno Club of the Democratic Party and the State Democratic Party itself were Communist organizations.

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[REDACTED] felt that such statements would give the FBI a bad name and would not be made by an individual who was actually associated with the FBI.

[REDACTED] was assured that his latter observations were correct and that the San Francisco Office was extremely appreciative of his calling to make the above information a matter of record.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It appears that the KARL (LNU) is probably identical with KARL PRUSSION. It is not felt that any additional investigation is warranted. File.

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## Speaker Urges Grass Roots Fight Against Communism

Grass roots combat against Communism must be waged by the American people, Mr. Karl Prussion, former Communist and informer for the FBI, told the Salinas Woman's club Friday afternoon.

Guest speaker at the club's October meeting, Mr. Prussion called for an all-out organized effort against the Communists in the United States, whose influence, he claims, is greater than ever.

Mr. Prussion joined the party in 1933 as a student at Wayne university in Detroit. Disillusioned with Communism, he became an FBI informer. He said that he later left the FBI because he feels the manner in which the United States is now fighting Communism is completely inadequate.

After showing the documentary film, "Operation Abolition," depicting the San Francisco riots during the McCarthy committee on un-American activities hearings, the speaker described in detail how Communists in this country have infiltrated eco-

nomic, social and political institutions.

He was introduced to the assembled women by Mrs. Jack Patton, program chairman, following the luncheon. Luncheon chairman for the afternoon were Mrs. Milton Auker and Mrs. Chester Dudley.

Mrs. Charles Melander, a past president of the Woman's Club, was among the guests. Mrs. W. D. Meyenberg introduced the following new members: the Meses, L. E. Chaney, Harry Ekelin, C. G. Krebs, Mitchell Bedford and Robert Hamilton.

Project reports included that of Mrs. James Jeffery on the successful wine tasting party held at the clubhouse earlier this month. Mrs. Frank J. Schonfelder announced that the bridge tournament will start in January. Interested women may contact either her or Mrs. Bruce Church for further details.

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## Prussion Sees Return Of Probe Panel

Admitted ex-Communist Karl Prussion said Thursday night that the House Committee on Un-American Activities plans a return trip to the Bay Area.

"And when they come back," he added, "I hope they come to San Jose."

Prussion, who claims he worked for the FBI as an undercover man, addressed a quiet crowd of nearly 200 students at San Jose State College. He also showed the film "Operation Abolition," a government movie depicting the alleged Communist inspired "riots" in San Francisco last May.

Prussion urged members of his audience to fight Communism through a "grass roots" organization. He said the Communists menace in America had become critical and added:

"And if this situation is not remedied, we in America will have our freedom lost in four years."

Prussion's anti-Communist talk, which he has delivered to numerous organizations throughout the Bay

Area, brought only a faint hint of emotional response. The speaker was roundly applauded at one point when he said, "We should be proud of the FBI."

However, during the showing of "Operation Abolition" the audience burst into applause when a witness defied the committee with the words:

"If you think I'll cooperate with you, you are insane."

Prussion, in answer to a question, said he was a menace to the Communist party. Near the end of the question period he offered:

his services to teach "Don't believe anything you hear" at San Jose State College. He said the Board of Regents would permit him to do so.

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SA RICHARD H. NELSON

FREE MEN AGAINST COMMUNISM  
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On 9/27/60, [REDACTED] Redwood City, California, furnished information concerning formation of the captioned organization. He describes that it is an organization of American patriots combating Communism by anti-propaganda. Case file is being opened on this organization.

[REDACTED] advised that on 9/19/60 at Monterey, California, the organization showed the film "Operation Abolition". He said that at showing of the film, which was advertised in the local papers, unknown individuals circulated the following leaflets:

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1. An Analysis of the HCUA Propaganda Film "Operation Abolition" revised by the Bay Area Student Committee for the Abolition of the HCUA.
2. A leaflet captioned "An Analysis of the HCUA Propaganda Film Operation Abolition" revised issue by Students for Civil Liberties Union at the University of California, Berkeley.
3. A leaflet captioned "Voices of Conscience and Resistance." It bore the stamp of Bay Area Student Committee for the Abolition of the HCUA. These documents are being routed to 100-37080.

[REDACTED] dated and initialed the documents but said he is not competent to introduce them because they were given to them by another member of the committee whom he cannot identify.

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**FREE MEN AGAINST COMMUNISM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Re mylet, 9/29/60, captioned KARL PRUSSION, Former  
SF 1740-S. Relet described formation of a patriotic organization  
to combat Communism by counter-propaganda.

On 9/26/60, [redacted]  
[redacted] California, who at the past has cooperated in  
the investigation of [redacted] Labor Management and Disclosure  
Act case, furnished the following:

The organization described in relet has now adopted  
the name Free Men Against Communism. [redacted] of  
Los Altos, California, and BRUCE BARBER, retired former head  
of INS at San Francisco, during the week ending 10/4/60, would  
sign registration forms in behalf of this organization record-  
ing its formation with the Secretary of State of California.  
[redacted] listed the purposes of the organization as described in  
relet and emphatically stated that this organization will  
conduct no security investigations. He said its membership  
will be encouraged to furnish any information regarding Communists  
or Communist organizations to the FBI.

[redacted] on this occasion furnished the office three  
items of literature disseminated by Communists or Communist  
sympathizers at a recent showing of the film "Operation Abolition"  
at Monterey, California, 9/19/60.

[redacted] advised that he visited FBI Headquarters in  
Washington, D.C., in September 1960 and spoke with a Bureau  
official regarding the above organization. He could not recall  
the name of that official but was grateful for the courtesy  
and cooperation shown him on that occasion. He expressed  
himself as a great admirer of Director HOOVER and of the FBI.

[redacted] further stated that former FBI confidential  
informant KARL PRUSSION is an active member of this organization

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and will be speaking under its auspices on many occasions. He said that a copy of the film "Operation Abolition" has been purchased by the organization and it will be shown as frequently as bookings can be obtained.

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[redacted] said one of the undertakings in which the organization is presently engaged in is pressuring universities in the area through their alumni groups against employment of Communist teachers and the signing of Communist-type petitions by faculty members. He said his organization is asking alumni contributors to advise universities they will withhold their contributions if undesirable situations are not corrected.

If additional information is received concerning the captioned organization, the Bureau will be advised.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN,  
FORMER PSI

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On 9/20/60, [REDACTED] Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised that University officials were concerned over the activities of the above-captioned in connection with his exhibition of the film, "OPERATION ABOLITION," before various groups in the Palo Alto area. GLOVER related that the University was not concerned with the exhibition of the film, as such, but was concerned over the commentary and editorializing which PRUSSIAN gave in connection with the film. The inference of PRUSSIAN's remarks were that faculty members at Stanford University had been in attendance at the hearings of the HCUA in San Francisco, and/or had incited Stanford students to riot in connection with the above hearings. PRUSSIAN also reportedly alludes to the fact that HOLLAND ROBERTS, a former Stanford Professor, was an example of communist infiltration among faculty members at Stanford University.

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[REDACTED] said that the above matter had been discussed with attorneys representing Stanford, and consideration was being given to filing suit against PRUSSIAN for his aspersions regarding Stanford University.

[REDACTED] stated that the administration at Stanford was very reluctant to file suit against PRUSSIAN in this regard, since he felt that undoubtedly their motivations in so doing would be misunderstood and might in itself indicate that Stanford University was opposed to the HCUA hearings. [REDACTED] commented, however, that the University felt a necessity to defend itself against charges made by PRUSSIAN. [REDACTED] also commented that PRUSSIAN, in his appearances before various groups, such as the American Legion meetings, had suggested participation on the part of the general public in conducting security investigations. He thought that this, too, was not desirable since he felt that investigations of this type should be conducted by experienced, appropriately-trained, personnel of responsible governmental agencies.

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On 9/29/60, [ ] further advised that he understood that BILL SULLIVAN, from the Bureau, was to address the student body at Stanford University on November 21 or 22, 1960. [ ] said that he was aware that feeling among students at Stanford was running high regarding the above activities of PRUSSIAN, and the assertion that a large number of Stanford students had participated in the riots. [ ] stated that it was also possible that among the student body at Stanford there were students who were in sympathy with the riots.

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[ ] related that he would be in Europe from October 1 to the latter part of October 1960, and that upon his return he wished to confer with the Writer relative to the visit of SULLIVAN to the Stanford Campus. [ ] suggested further that he wished to meet with SULLIVAN prior to the latter's appearance at Stanford University and enlighten him as to the local situation at Stanford, so that he would not appear before the student body unaware of the possible feelings of the student body.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is submitted for information, and upon [ ] return from Europe further contact will be had with him relative to this matter.

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## 150 Attend Riot Movies

"Operation Abolition," a film of the riots at the recent House Un-American Activities committee hearing in San Francisco, was shown to a packed house at the American Legion hall on West Laurel drive last night. Some 150 Legionnaires and friends attended at the Post 31 hall.

Karl Prussion, a former Communist party member and undercover FBI agent, discussed the methods by which Communists are trying to discredit the committee and FBI work.

He named numerous persons in Santa Clara county who, he charged, are Communists. Prussion, who once lived in Carmel, did much of his FBI work in Santa Clara county.

He was introduced by William F. Bryan, chairman of the post's legislative committee.

The film is a 45-minute documentary of the riots, which, Prussion said, were inspired by professional Communists who used younger persons as dupes.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 9/19/60

FROM : SA R. H. NELSON

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SF 1740-Sb6  
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PRUSSIAN was contacted on 9/3/60, regarding [redacted] former laborer, with whom he is well acquainted. He confirmed [redacted] residence and employment and expressed the opinion that [redacted] with the death of his son a few year ago, lost interest in politics and nearly everything else. PRUSSIAN furnished information which is being incorporated into the report of [redacted]. He also advised that a man named [redacted] a real estate agent, living in San Jose, may have information of interest to this Bureau, and he suggested [redacted] be contacted. This information was communicated to SA [redacted] who is acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] is being contacted.

PRUSSIAN advised that he now lives at 596 Panchita Way, Los Altos, and is self-employed, doing remodeling work (house). He said his phone number is Whitecliff 8-2897.

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-20108)      DATE: 8/16/60  
FROM: SA RICHARD H. NELSON  
SUBJECT: HARVEY RICHARDS, aka.  
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On 8/3/60 [redacted] furnished a written report which has been filed in [redacted]. It concerns principally information regarding the activities of HARVEY RICHARDS in connection with agricultural workers. Other miscellaneous information was included. The informant had no further information.

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"Last Saturday ALICE RICHARDS gave a party for MARY SHAPOVALOV in honor of her receiving her PHD. It was not in any way a party affair. The only thing of interest was that there were a few unexpected guests. Some union organizers for the agricultural workers believe came to consult HARVEY in connection with his filers. I could not of course find out who they were. They were supposed to have arrived that Saturday evening, instead they arrived Friday.

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CC: [redacted]

100-22992 (ALICE RICHARDS)  
100-27792 (Farmers Matters)  
100-34164 (MARY SHAPOVALOV) HEAD BY: *RN*  
100-24948 (MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV)  
100-19824 [redacted] REVIEWED BY: *aw*  
100-16351 (WALTER HARJU)  
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"During the afternoon MARY SHAPOVALOV told me how WALTER HARJU had introduced KARL PRUSSIAN to them. It seems WALTER told KARL all he knew of the SHAPOVALOVS. MARY SHAPOVALOV says that she feels sure that sooner or later they will receive some special attention.

"/s/

[REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION: No investigation.

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9828)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)  
RE: KARL FRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

Reurairtel 8/23/60, requesting urgent reply regarding captioned individual.

FRUSSION was paid informant of this office from 11/49 to 7/58, at which time he was discontinued for disclosing his confidential relationship with this Bureau to a newspaper man in connection with a book that he had planned to write. Since his discontinuance as an informant he has made speeches in the San Francisco area, blasting the Communist Party and attempting to point out to the public the dangers of Communism. He appeared at a television show in Los Angeles with a hood over his head, during which time he made certain allegations regarding the influence of the CP.

In July, 1960, he testified for the Government in San Francisco at the HOVA Hearings, and in August, 1960, he has been criticizing the Democratic Party for the fact that certain Democrats are also Communists and asserted that the Democratic platform developed at the Democratic Party Convention appeared to be a whole series of resolutions which could have been written by KHRUSHCHEV himself.

He is presently in extremely difficult financial straits, is currently a defendant in a law suit, and has not been able to find suitable employment during the past year.

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The information that FRUSSION furnished was reliable. There is no instance of his ever furnishing false information to this office. He has an extremely bad memory for details and has repeatedly attempted to secure copies of his previous reports in order that he could be more factual in his public appearances as a speaker. Of course, these requests have been denied. He has been warned repeatedly prior to the time he was discontinued to be factual in any public statements he makes. However, from newspaper accounts that have been received in this office from some recent appearances, it would appear that he may be deviating from the actual truth, in that he has in particular been making statements provoking controversy within the Democratic Party, the most recent of which appeared in the 8/19/60 edition of the "Palo Alto Times," wherein he rapped the California Attorney General (a Democrat) for not prosecuting three persons who were candidates for public office and who were, according to FRUSSION, Communists.

The Bureau has been advised of the above.

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9828)

RE: KARL PRUSSION  
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In recent weeks an organization known as "Freedom Crusade," headquarters, P. O. Box 4344, Portland, Oregon, the director of which is [REDACTED] has been publicized in the local press in connection with its alleged activities aiming at preserving American rights by combatting the Communist conspiracy. From June 27 to July 2, 1960, a "Freedom Crusade school for anti-communists" was held in Portland. Among the lecturers thereat was HERBERT PHILBRICK.

On August 20, 1960, the Oregon Journal, Portland daily newspaper, contained an article together with a photograph of one KARL PRUSSION, listed as a speaker at the 4th Freedom Crusade conference, a three-day affair held at a public high school in Portland and ending 8/20/60. The news article described PRUSSION as a "former Communist member and FBI man."

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On 8/22/60, PRUSSION in contact with the SAC, Portland, indicated that he formerly had served as an informant of the San Francisco Office and endeavored to gain recognition for himself and [REDACTED] at an open meeting in the convention of the Sigma Nu Fraternity currently in session at Portland and at which Inspector W. C. SULLIVAN of the Bureau spoke on the evening of 8/22/60.

San Francisco is requested to advise Portland as to whether PRUSSION has served as an informant of that office and, if so, whether he was regarded as reliable.

Immediate reply requested.

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## Los Altos Legion Heeds Prussion; Anti-Red Unit Set

LOS ALTOS—The American Legion post here has formed an anti-Communist organization at the urging of Karl Prussion, reportedly an FBI undercover informer for 12 years.

Prussion, a resident of Los Altos, made a speech before more than 250 persons in Legion Hall in Los Altos to urge the Legionnaires to fight communism.

He said they needed to "build an organization of strategy and tactics" but some Legionnaires expressed doubt about the proposal.

One Legionnaire, Jack Francis, said that the purpose of the group suggested by Prussion is "to form a spy organization to pry into the personal opinions and lives of individuals."

Francis contended such an organization would be an attempt "to fight com-

munistism with the same methods used by Communists."

But Bill Newman, commander of the Los Altos Legion post, refuted the charges made by Francis.

"The organization's purpose is not to pry into personal lives, not to inform on individuals and not to beat the bushes or peek over back fences," Newman said.

The anti-communist group, Newman said, will be a "grass roots" movement to combat the flood of Communist and pro-Communist literature with anti-Communist literature.

Newman said the group also intends to "lobby for the anti-Communist views" with elected representatives and organizations.

"If a bill is introduced to provoke sympathy for Communists, we will combat it with a flood of literature and information," he said.

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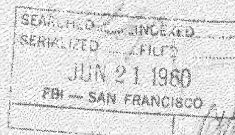
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